

## BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS HOLDS 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL GOLF FOR KIDS' SAKE



Ron Guttman, Joe Schmenk, Dennis Rose & Tom Willison participating at the Big Brother, Big Sisters Golf Outing at Auglaize Golf Club July 26th.

On Saturday July 26, 2008 Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Defiance, Henry and Paulding Counties held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf for Kids Sake, a scramble to benefit One to One mentoring programs in each service community. This year's event drew 45 golfers set out to enjoy a round of golf while supporting Big Brothers Big Sisters and raising over \$2,000 for Premiere One to One mentoring services. Four teams joined the outing from Paulding County this year!

one summer opportunity to get involved in BBBS programs. Coming up August 14<sup>th</sup> we will hold a community Picnic for Paulding area Bigs, Littles, Families, and supporters and we will hold a 5K Walk Run on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. If golf is not your thing, and you still want to support local mentoring programs, call or email the office to find out how to participate in any of our community wide events. In addition, there are youth waiting to be matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister

Golf for Kids Sake is only

in Paulding County... if you have ever thought about becoming a mentor, today is the day! In particular, there is a growing need for male volunteers. BBBS also has positions available for event/program committees, as well as Board of Director vacancies. If you would like to learn more about these opportunities, you are encouraged to call or email Courtney 1-866-706-BBBS or cshull@bbbsbigfun.org.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters could not provide premiere, evidence based mentoring programs that truly make a difference, without the support of the communities. We are fortunate to have communities who care, and hope for continued support. Remember, it is the little moments spent, that puts BIG MAGIC into the lives of youth", Courtney Shull, Executive Director and Paulding County native.

Big Brothers Big Sisters serving Defiance, Henry and Paulding Counties is part of the largest youth mentoring organization in the United States. We locally serve 500-600 youth each year. Independent research shows that its model of professionally supported one-to-one relationships between young people and their Big Brothers and Big Sisters has a measurable, positive impact. Children in the program are less likely to skip school, begin using alcohol and illegal drugs, and be involved in violence.

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The Paulding V.F.W. Post #587 donated \$1,000.00 recently to Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. Matt Sunday, the men's rep for the V.F.W. and Tom Diaz, Junior Vice Pres. donated the check to Linda Wilhelm, pantry coordinator. Philip Hanenkraat is Commander, and Karen Dunbar is president of the women's auxiliary.

At Sylvia's Country Portraits, when you come in for school pictures, the session fee will be waived if you bring in non-perishable grocery items to be donated to the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry.

The pantry is open every Wednesday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 12:00 and serves everyone in Paulding County.

### THANK YOU

The family of Pat Winhover wishes to thank Shawn Dooley, Marty Hunt and Paul Reinhart of Dooley Funeral Home, Pastor Jim Edwards, who knows the right words to provide comfort, First Baptist Church of Antwerp for the meal after Mom's service and to our friends and neighbors who contributed for a floral arrangement and concrete memorial. Thank you, also, to everyone who sent flowers, cards and memorials. We appreciate you all.

—Bill, Bob, Bryan, Lori, Seth and Audrey

## SCOTT'S SIZZLIN' FUNDRAISER



Anissia Rodriguez wins a goldfish at the Scott Fire Department Hog Roast.

By: Bryce Steiner

The Scott Fire Department put on their annual fundraiser recently. The town and community got together and had many fun games including corn hole and lawn mower races. Every year the Fire Department does this to help raise funds much needed. Last year equipment was purchased for winter water rescue. This year it may be used

to purchase a new up-to-date infrared imager since the older one is wearing out quickly and has been upgraded as much as could be. The day's events took place on the west side of town at the park. The lawn-mower races were starting near the road and went north towards the pond. These small tractors are not slow! In a short distance (Continued on Page 6)

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**OBITUARIES**



**Anthony J. "Tony" Phillips**, 49 of Euclid, OH died July 30, 2008 at the Hillcrest Hospital, Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

He was born in Cuyahoga County Ohio on June 17, 1959, the son of Geraldine Phillips. He was a 1977 graduate of Paulding High School, and attended Kent State University. He was a former police officer in Cleveland Ohio, later he retired as a Cleveland Municipal Court bailiff, and was employed part-time with Metro Security systems. He was a member of Refuge Family Worship Center in Cleveland where he served as a Board Member.

He is survived by his mother, Geraldine Phillips of Colorado Springs CO; two brothers: Eric Phillips of Colorado Springs, CO and Frank Phillips of Youngstown, OH; one sister, Renee Phillips of Cleveland, OH; his foster mother, Doris R. Copeland of Stockbridge, GA; two foster brothers: James Copeland of Springfield, OH and Willie Copeland of Stockbridge, GA; five foster sisters: Jacqueline Hardman of Paulding, Viola Copeland of Coppell, TX, Florence Goings, of Paulding, Cynthia Copeland, and Cassandra Copeland both of Springfield, OH; many nieces and nephews; one aunt, Hazel Osborn of Cleveland, OH; and two great uncles: Bennie Jackson of Columbus, OH and Albert Jackson of Inkster,

MI; and a host of relatives and friends. He will be sadly missed and forever in our hearts.

He is preceded in death by his foster father, Robert Copeland; and his maternal grandmother, Susie Middleton.

Funeral services were conducted August 4 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Condolences may be sent to: www.denherderfh.com



**George G. Seibert**, 77, of Hicksville died August 1, 2008 at Community Memorial Hospital in Hicksville.

He was born October 8, 1930 at Defiance, Ohio the son of Robert and Gertrude (Weber) Seibert.

He was a 1948 graduate of Defiance High School. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1951-1953. He was united in marriage to Barbara Meyer on October 6, 1956.

He retired from Dana/Weatherhead - Antwerp, OH after (23) years of employment. He served as a volunteer fireman with the Hicksville Fire Department for (30) years. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church - Hicksville, the Hicksville Eagles Aerie #2556, Knights of Columbus, Defiance VFW, Hicksville American Legion Post 223, and the Moose Lodge of Cleveland, FL.

He is survived by his wife;

two daughters: Angela (Brian) Slattery of Hicksville and Ann (Troy) Sonner of Bowling Green, OH; two sons: Alan (Chris) Seibert of Grover Hill, OH and Andrew (Andrea) Seibert of Ft. Wayne, IN; eight grandchildren: Michelle Slattery, Jeremy Slattery, Alex Seibert, Bailey Seibert, Cole Sonner, Garrett Seibert, Parker Seibert and Grant Sonner; a sister, Mary Seibert MSC; two brothers: Robert and Joe (Lucille) both of Bryan, OH.

He was preceded in death by a son, Anthony; his parents; and two brothers: Mike and John.

The funeral mass was at St. Michael's Catholic Church - Hicksville on August 4 with Fr. Tom Oedy officiating. Burial was at Forest Home Cemetery - Hicksville. Military honors were provided by American Legion Post 223.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church.



**Helen L. Hunter**, 80, of Payne died Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne, OH.

She was born April 30, 1928 in Antwerp, OH, the daughter of Merton A. and Madonna J. (Franks) Bell. On August 10, 1946 she married William E. "Bill" Hunter, who preceded her in death on November 6, 2005. She was a member of the former Church of God, Payne.

She is survived by three sons: Mike (Deborah) Hunter of Payne, William E. (Janet) Hunter of Van Wert, and Bud L. Hunter of Fosston, MN; three daughters: Joyce (George) Amweg of Bluffton, IN, Linda L. (Donald) Cattell of Findlay, OH, and Cheryl (Michael) Bevis of Paulding; a brother, Harold (Eunice) Bell of Antwerp, OH; two sisters: Clarice Jean Baker of Haviland and Gladys Stultz of Hicksville; twenty grandchildren; and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers: Richard Bell and Merton Bell Jr.; two sisters: Delores May Bell and Donna Campbell; and a granddaughter, Jessica D. Hunter.

Funeral services were conducted August 2 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial was in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com



**Celsa "Sally" M. Gonzalez**, 81 of Defiance died July 27, 2008 at the Paulding County Hospital, Paulding.

She was born June 7, 1927 in Van Wert, Ohio, the daughter of Genaro and Vincenta (Oroco) Lianez. On June 17, 1944 she married Frank Gonzalez, who preceded her in death on October 27, 1994. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding.

She is survived by four sons: Steve (Connie) Gonzalez and Randy Herrod Gonzalez both of Defiance, Richard (Larena) Gonzalez of Kansas City, MO, and Robert (Lorna) Gonzalez of Guam; five daughters: Catherine (Marvin Sr.) Herrod of St. Charles, MO, Bernadine (Stamiro) Rodriguez of Paulding, Secora Lianez of Hillard, OH, Virginia Knapp of Wildwood, MO, and Christina Clevenger of Defiance; a brother, Louis Lianez of Van Wert; twenty-two grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and a great-great granddaughter.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; a son, Gary Gonzalez; a daughter, Frances Gonzalez; grandson, Jerald Gene Rodriguez; a sister, Juanita Barrientos; and a son-in-law, Don Clevenger.

A Mass of Christian Burial was conducted July 31 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding, with Rev. Thomas Oedy officiating. Burial was in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Donations may be made to Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center; Paulding County Foundation; or American Diabetes Foundation. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

**Kenneth A. Norling**, 85 of Oakwood died July 28, 2008 at Hawthorn Court Nursing Home, Paulding.

He was born April 28, 1923 in Arcadia, OH, the son of Frank and Helen (Enoch) Norling. On December 18, 1948 he married Roberta I. Hudson, who survives. He was employed by the Nickel Plate/Norfolk and Western Railroad. He was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran. He was a lifetime member of American Legion #341, Oakwood, a life member of V.F.W. of Grover Hill; and life member of D.A.V. Chapter #36, Defiance.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta Norling of Oakwood; two sons: Robert (Brenda) Norling of Fort Wayne, IN, and Richard (Jannetta) Norling of Paulding; a daughter, Penny (Joe Sr.) Kidd of Paulding; a sister, June Norling of Defiance; eight grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers;

Edward, Russell and Robert Norling; and three sisters: Elsie Zent, Betty Clark, and Geneva Newsome.

Funeral services were conducted August 1, 2008 at Den Herder Funeral Home, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Broughton with military graveside services.

Donations may be made to Paulding County Hospice. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

**Brody Brummett**, newborn son of LeeAnn Brummett and Carl Rosebrock of Antwerp died on Friday July 25, 2008 at Community Memorial Hospital - Hicksville, Ohio.

He is survived by his parents; grandparents: Dave Brummett and Cheryl Bennett of Franklin, OH, Barb and Merle Waldron of Antwerp, OH, Jennifer Rickman of Hicksville, OH, Al Rosebrock of Hicksville, OH.

Private graveside services were held at Bethel Cemetery, Paulding County, Ohio.

Smith & Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville is serving the family.

**Dorthea Theodora Blue**, 97 of Paulding died Monday, July 28, 2008 at Van Crest Health Care Center, Van Wert, OH.

She was born March 6, 1911 in Paulding County, OH, the daughter of Elza and Emma (Hubert) Tope. On August 8, 1953 she married Nelson H. Blue, who preceded her in death on March 6, 1958. She was employed by the Paulding County Auditor's office.

She is survived by a brother, Carl Tope of Latty, OH, and two sisters: Catherine (Lloyd) Stoller of Paulding, and Margaret (Bill) Clemens of Latty; and nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers: Wilbur, August and Ira Tope; and a sister, Maxine Rigenbach.

Funeral services were conducted August 1 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Tim Dooley officiating. Graveside services were in Terre Haute Cemetery, Urbana, OH, August 1.

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

**Walter R. Sholl**, 98, of Hicksville died Wednesday July 30, 2008 at Hickory Creek in Hicksville.

Walter was born March 1, 1910 in rural Hicksville, the son of Glen O. and Emma (Rohrs) Sholl.

He was a 1929 graduate of

Hicksville High School. In 1932 he was united in marriage to Mable M. Rowan who preceded him in death in 1996.

He was a grain and dairy farmer in Mark Township until moving to Hicksville in 1975. He was then employed as a field representative for Landmark in Hicksville.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Hicksville and served on the church council for a number of years.

A lifelong resident of Defiance County, Walter belonged to numerous organizations and served on many boards which included the Holstein-Friesian Association, Community Memorial Hospital Board, Defiance County Draft Board, Soil Conservation, Farm Bureau, Defiance County Fair Board, 4-H Advisor, Defiance County Board of Elections, and Mark Center Board of Education. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club in Hicksville. His many hobbies included hunting, trap shooting, bowling and woodworking.

Surviving are two daughters: Patricia (Sam) Bohn of Defiance and Sylvia "Mike" (Joseph) Miller of Hicksville; six grandchildren: Michael (Jackie) Miller of Peoria, AZ; Douglas (Joni) Miller of Hicksville; Edward Bohn of Defiance; Jolene (Michael) Gregg of Hicksville; Patrick (Michelle) Bohn of Defiance and David (Stacy) Miller of Mark Center; five great-grandchildren: Chelsie and Joseph Gregg, Ariel and Kiera Bohn, Heidi Miller and a step-great-grandson, Nick Slattery.

Preceding him in death were his wife; three brothers: Lavon, Harold and Paul; one sister, Alverta Ruckman; two infant sons; and a son-in-law, Sam Bohn.

The funeral service was August 2, 2008 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville with Rev. Tom Graves officiating. Burial was at Six Corners Cemetery, Hicksville.

Preferred memorials are to Defiance County Hospice or to a charity of the donor's choice.

**David Andrew Bevis**, 85 of Payne died on Tuesday, July 29, 2008 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation.

He was born February 6, 1923 in Cincinnati, OH the son of Norman D. and Ruth Ellen (Betscher) Bevis.

On February 18, 1944 he married Marian Mae Miller who died in 1993.

He attended Ohio State University and played on the OSU football team. He served in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II receiving the Bronze

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Star Medal and the Air Medal. He spent most of his working life farming. He also worked at U.S. Rubber, Permaglass and the Weatherhead Corporation. He was a life member of the American Legion Post #297, Payne. He was also a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marian; and two sisters who died in infancy.

He is survived by a son, Michael (Cheryl) Bevis of Paulding; a daughter Barbara (James) Vanderford of North Myrtle Beach, SC; six grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were August 4, 2008 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne. Officiating was Rev. Amy Haines. Burial was in the Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Preferred memorials are to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Payne. Condolences may be sent to www.dooleyfuneralhome.com. Arrangements handled by Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, Ohio.

**Danielle Raye Mosure**, 25 of Payne, passed away July 30, 2008 at the Indiana

University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

Danielle was born in Paulding County Ohio on July 5, 1983 the daughter of Daniel and Debra (Childs) Simmerman. Danielle was a professional hair stylist and was employed at the Five Elements in Fort Wayne, IN.

On October 15, 2005 she married Jason L. Mosure who survives. She is also survived by her son, Gage Logan Mosure.

Surviving her are her father, Daniel (Ida) Simmerman of Payne; her mother, Debra (Childs) Simmerman and step-father, Michael Walter of Payne; two sisters: Michelle Lynn Walter of Payne and Tiffany Gillespie of Decatur, MI; her grandparents: Ed and Gloria Simmerman of Fort Wayne; a step-brother, Jeffery Michael Walter of Harlan, IN; and a step-sister, Stacey Lynn Walter of Monroeville, IN; and her father, and mother-in-law, Gary (Patricia) Mosure of Van Wert. She is also survived by aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, William Childs; her grandmother, Pearl Childs; and a cousin, Shelly Litzenberg.

She was a member of the Church of Christ, Van Wert.

Funeral services were August 5, 2008 at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne. Pastor Amy Haines officiated. She was laid to rest at Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Requested memorials are to the family for medical expenses. Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

### SUPREME COURT RULING IMPORTANT VICTORY FOR GUN RIGHTS

Capitol Letters Weekly Column by: Senator Steve Buehrer

For decades, the constitutional right of every American "to keep and bear arms" has been under assault from gun control activists and the passage of several local and state laws banning, or severely limiting, the use of firearms by law-abiding citizens. At the same time, gun owners and pro-gun groups have fought back, working to protect this fundamental freedom for future generations. Despite the implications of this debate, the United States Supreme Court had yet to make a major ruling on gun rights in this country, until recently.

In late June, justices struck down, by a 5-4 majority, a more than 30-year old ban on handguns in Washington, D.C. While this historic decision left the door open for the District of Columbia to have some regulations on the use of firearms, including bans on guns around schools, churches, government buildings and other sensitive areas, it affirmed the right of local residents to own handguns for self-defense. Furthermore, the ruling has made similar gun bans in cities like Chicago and San Francisco vulnerable to legal challenges.

While Ohio's gun laws are not nearly as strict, the Supreme Court's ruling has brought important legitimacy to several laws passed in recent years by the General Assembly, designed to reduce burdensome and unnecessary restrictions on lawful gun owners.

For instance, in April 2004, the Legislature approved House Bill 12, Ohio's concealed carry law. Despite doomsday scenarios from anti-gun crusaders at the time, Ohio cities have not turned into a scene from the Wild West. In fact, the law has turned out to be a tremendous success. According to the Ohio Attorney General's Office, more than 109,000 concealed carry licenses have been issued by local sheriffs since the law took effect.

Then, in November 2006, despite opposition from then-Governor Bob Taft,

my colleagues and I passed House Bill 347, which sought to eliminate several confusing provisions in the state's concealed carry law to make it easier for lawful gun owners to comply. Most notably, in an effort to create consistency in gun laws from community to community, the bill prohibited local governments from passing firearm rules that were stricter than state law. At the time, several cities and villages had their own gun restrictions in place, creating a patchwork of rules across Ohio that made it difficult for concealed carry license holders traveling the state to know the law.

Then, most recently, I fought hard for passage of Senate Bill 184 in May, legislation that establishes Ohio's Castle Doctrine. This new law affirms the right of every Ohioan to defend themselves and their family from violent intruders in their home. The bill, recently signed by the Governor, shifts the "rebuttable presumption" from the victim to the criminal in a self-defense case, meaning if an intruder forcibly enters into a person's home and that person chooses to use force to protect themselves from harm, they would be legally presumed to be acting in self-defense.

In addition, SB 184 was amended to help further clarify parts of Ohio's concealed carry statute that have placed an unintentional burden on lawful CCW license holders, while making it easier for police officers to enforce the law.

While the gun control debate is sure to rage on, the Supreme Court's ruling is a significant step forward for gun rights advocates, and an important affirmation of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment right. Moving forward, I will do all I can to influence policy in Ohio that keeps this effort going.

I encourage all residents of the 1<sup>st</sup> Senate District to contact me with any questions, thoughts or concerns, or if you need assistance working with a state government agency. You can write me, Senator Steve Buehrer, Ohio Senate, Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, or contact me by phone at (614) 466-8150. In addition, I can be reached by email at SD01@mailr.sen.state.oh.us.

### REFLECTIONS OF THE SHELLY LITZENBERG MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



On July 26<sup>th</sup>, the VIP Salon took home the first place trophy in the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Shelly Litzenberg Memorial Softball Tournament. Finishing second was Foltz Insurance and third was Taylor/Denning's Drive Inn. A great time was had by all. A special thank you to all teams and sponsors who participated and made this event a great success.



The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Shelly Litzenberg Memorial Softball Tournament was held the last weekend in July. This year we were blessed with good weather and great friends. The friends and family of Shelly would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated their time, money and efforts to make this such a wonderful event. The event raised and gave away \$10,000! All proceeds will be given as scholarships in Paulding County in memory of Shelly A. Litzenberg. Thank you!

### TWO AREA WOMEN ENJOY WHIRLWIND TRIP TO CHICAGO

Two area women — Martha Bender of Antwerp and Evelyn Phillips of Hicksville — took extra advantage of the recent community bus trip to Chicago to spend the day exploring the Windy City with an actual Chicagoan.

In a whirlwind tour lasting only seven hours, they visited dozens of downtown sites with Tom Seslar, an Antwerp native who moved to Chicago 39 years ago as a reporter for the Chicago Tribune. Seslar is a cousin of Bender, who was a 1949 classmate of Phillips at Hicksville High School.

Bender and Phillips went to Chicago on the recent trip benefiting Hicksville's Community Memorial Hospital, a one-day excursion organized

by Sue Beck of Paulding.

Arriving in Chicago at 9:30 local time on a rainy Saturday, Bender and Phillips met Seslar at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Next, they made an architecture visit to Michigan Avenue's Fourth Presbyterian Church. That was followed by lunch just across the street, at The Signature Room on the 95<sup>th</sup> floor of the John Hancock Center.

Amid intermittent rain storms and more towering skyscrapers, the trio then went on a 90-minute boat cruise of the Chicago River. The cruise included passing through the locks onto Lake Michigan for sightseeing along the waterfront.

Then, during a break in the rain, the three climbed aboard a London-style, red double-decker bus to tour the city's theater and financial districts. That tour ended in the vicinity of the Field Museum of Natural History and then Soldier Field, home of the Chicago Bears.

Phillips, Bender and Seslar then took a cab to end the day with about an hour seeing the sights on Navy Pier, a former U.S. Naval Training Center that now is a center for shopping, dining, theater and amusement rides.

The tour group from Hicksville reassembled at 5:00 p.m. Chicago time for its return trip to Ohio.

"I had a great time and will be telling everyone about our day until they get bored and start avoiding me," Phillips said.

But both she and Bender said they were looking forward to getting back to the more relaxed pace of life in northwestern Ohio.

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**By: Rich Phelan, Living Water Ministries**

About 20 years ago, my friend John and I took our first trip to Chicago. We had a blast; two rural Michigan boys turned that bustling town upside down. We found the greatest blues club that you could imagine. It sure fit the "mold" of what we thought a big city blues club would look like. It was small, packed out with people, and the smoke hung like a dense cloud right about at head level. What made it bearable was the best blues music we'd ever heard was blaring from the speakers at somewhere around a million decibels. We were sitting so close to the band that when the singer moved around the stage he'd step on my foot. When we closed the club at 2:00 a.m. we felt like we were a part of the band, it was a great night. But, we still had a three and a half hour drive home ahead of us.

By the time we crossed back into Michigan neither of us could keep our eyes open, we were so tired. It's a good thing the only things traveling on the road were the raccoons and us. As we were turning off onto our exit to get home, I saw it. It was off on the shoulder of the road, waddling into the underbrush. I yelled out to John who was half asleep in the passenger seat. "John, did you see that?" He sat up like he was electrocuted. "See what?" He yelled. "There was an armadillo on the shoulder of the road," I said. John looked at me like I had spiders crawling out of my nose. "There aren't any armadillos in Michigan, you idiot," he said not so gently. That may be true, but one must have gotten loose from somewhere. He didn't buy it. Even though he didn't see it, doesn't mean it wasn't there right?

The next morning I scoured the Sunday paper from cover to cover looking for the article that informed the greater Eaton County area of the escaped armadillo that was wandering loose in the area. There wasn't one word about it. To this day I swear I saw an armadillo that night. My biggest mistake however, was telling my wife about it. To this day she still laughs at me. Every time we're on a long drive and we're both tired, she'll point to some animal on the road side and say, "Look honey, its an armadillo!" She'll howl with laughter as I shake my head in disbelief.

I've learned through the years that not everyone has the eyes to see things the same. This is especially the case when it comes to seeing people like Jesus does. I think this is one of our greatest challenges today as Christians. A few years ago I heard a great testimony on the radio about seeing people as Jesus does. I don't remember the name of the speaker, but the power of his story has stayed with me. He was on the way home from a speaking engagement and he was dead tired. He was driving home late at night, he just wanted to get home and get some rest before he had to leave again on his next trip. As he came around a dark bend in the road his headlights illuminated three people walking along the shoulder of the road. When he got close enough to them he saw that they were teenagers and from the positions of their thumbs, he guessed they were hitchhiking. He drove on past them, as most of us would do; his thoughts were zeroed in on getting home. Just then he sensed the Lord tell him to turn around and pick those kids up. After a few minutes of trying to tell the Lord how dangerous this could be, he turned the car around and drove back to pick them up. Several minutes later he pulled up along side the kids and asked them where they were going. They were going to the bus stop in the next town that was miles away yet. Since he was going right through the town himself, he told them to hop in. When they got in he was immediately nervous. They were dirty and a little smelly. I think he called them the "hippie types". Long hair and that "who cares?" attitude. Immediately he began to question Jesus' reason for telling him to pick these kids up.

They made small talk to pass the time. They were hitchhiking their way somewhere. When he told them that he was a minister and Christian speaker that shut most of them up, they didn't want to hear what he had to say. The only exception being the girl sitting next to him in the front seat. She seemed to listen intently as he shared about the Lord. She shared her past, and her current drug habit. Inside he was more disgusted at his present company and he really wanted this trip to be over. He still couldn't see why the Lord would have him stop and pick these kids up. He continued to share his heart and what Jesus had done for him. At some point along the way the girl saw his bible

that was on the dash board. She started to flip through it, commenting on all the writing and marking he had done to it. For awhile they rode in silence, she held on to the bible the rest of the way.

Finally they reached the bus station. He pulled up and the teens got out of the car. Reluctantly the girl handed the bible back to him. As she was getting out of the car it hit him that he should give the bible to her. He felt a moment's hesitation because that was the bible he studied and preached from, that bible was really special to him. Finally though, he asked her if she would like to keep it. She smiled and tears came to her eyes. "Yes," she replied. She opened up her large duffle bag she was carrying and shifted around some stuff to make room for the bible. With tears in her eyes at her new gift she gently laid the bible in her bag, and then she placed her bag of marijuana on top of it. The man was so angry he couldn't speak. She smiled and thanked him and got out of the car.

As he drove away he was fuming inside. He had just given away his favorite bible to someone who cared so little about Jesus and His word that she just threw it in her bag under her bag of drugs. He was so offended at this that it took a minute for him to hear the Lord speak to his heart again. He told the man to think again where she placed the bible. Angrily, he said, "right there with her dope!" The Lord then showed the man, this preacher of the gospel, what she actually had done with the bible. She hadn't thrown the book in there any 'ole way. She had placed that precious book right next to what was most important and valuable to her at that time. Her drugs. When the man was able to see her with Jesus' eyes he began to cry. Not only for the girl but that he was so blinded that he was unable to see her as Jesus did. Jesus wasn't offended; He was touched that this girl who didn't know Him would consider His word as that valuable. Jesus saw her value, she was precious to Him. He was not offended that His word was lying next to some illegal drugs. He was too busy loving her, and drawing her to Himself. He just needed a hu-

man vessel that was willing to show Jesus' love and grace to a kid who didn't know Him. Jesus was looking for someone who was not only willing to be used, but who was also willing to see people the way He does.

We may not all see armadillo on the road side, though if you look hard enough, you just might. If those of us who belong to the Lord would only see people as He does, the world around us would change in a big way. Do you see what He sees?

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVE AWAY**

All Wayne Trace students who need assistance with school supplies are invited to a school supplies give away at Payne St. Paul United Methodist Church on Thursday, August 7, from noon-6:00 p.m. The church is located at the corner of SR 49 and SR 500 in Payne. Phone number is 419-263-2418.

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**JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY HAPPENINGS IN HICKSVILLE**

The Farmer's Market, Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament, and Ebay Workshop highlight the week at the Johnson Memorial Library.

On Wednesday, August 6 at noon, the Johnson Memorial Library will be sponsoring its fourth Yu-Gi-Oh Tour-

namer for middle school and high school youth.

The Yu-Gi-Oh tournament is free and is open to all teens and pre-teens. To participate, stop by the library and fill out a deck sheet. Deck sheets may be picked up at the library or downloaded at [www.ude.com](http://www.ude.com). Deck sheets must be turned into Youth Services Librarian Dustin Harris. The tournament will follow the traditional deck

building rules found at [www.ude.com/policy](http://www.ude.com/policy). Remember to check because the list has significantly changed since the last tournament.

All duelists must be at the library to sign in on August 6 at noon with the tournament at 1:00 p.m. The tournament will run for most of the day, so duelists should plan on spending the day at the library. The Friends of the Hicksville Library will provide refreshments and prizes for the top two players.

Want to learn how to buy or sell on Ebay? Or even how to set up an account? Then this workshop is for you. Join us on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Johnson Memorial Library.

The Ebay 101 Workshop is free and is open to everyone. The workshop is sponsored by the Hicksville Community Service Center. It will be led by Colleen Hennessey. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Hicksville Library.

The workshop will go into the basics of what Ebay is, how it works, and how you can buy and sell on it. For more information on the Ebay Workshop or to register for it, please call the Hicksville Community Service Center at 419-542-7173.

For more information on any of the library programs, call the Johnson Memorial Library at 419-542-6200.

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**BRIDGING THE GAP: ODOT MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF MINNEAPOLIS BRIDGE COLLAPSE**

Detailing the efforts of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to improve bridge safety over the past year, ODOT Director James Beasley is marking the first anniversary of the collapse of the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis with the launch of a new public outreach effort to highlight the conditions of Ohio's aging bridges.

"Each day in Ohio, hundreds of thousands of drivers cross over our bridges. These structures connect businesses with markets, workers with jobs, people with health care and education, and families with loved ones and home," said Director Beasley, at a news event along Columbus' Broad Street Bridge, just blocks from the Ohio Statehouse.

"As we pause and remember the 13 lives lost and the 144 more who were injured nearly a year ago, we also take note today of how this one event 700 miles away placed a renewed awareness on the work we do to preserve, maintain and modernize our infrastructure here in Ohio," added the Director.

ODOT has an aggressive bridge inspection and preservation program. Home to more than 42,000 bridges – the second largest inventory of bridges in the nation – Ohio requires more inspections on more bridges than any other state. Ohio is the only state to require annual bridge inspections – twice as often as federally required.

Under Governor Strickland, ODOT has also devoted a significant amount of its annual budget to bridge preservation and modernization. Since the beginning of 2007, more than half-a-billion dollars has been directed to improving state and local bridges, with an additional \$354 million programmed over the next year.

A major national report issued by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials shows that one out of every four U.S. bridges needs to be modernized or repaired. Immediately making all of the necessary improvements would cost at least \$140 billion nationally; in Ohio, that cost is estimated at \$4.2 bil-

lion. "Even with ODOT's aggressive investment into bridge preservation, we are looking at the legacy of 'Baby Boomer' bridges built during the Interstate era," said Director Beasley. "These bridges are aging, and so often it becomes a matter of 'running in place' to keep up with repairs, never mind preventive maintenance or building new bridges that are needed."

In the year following the Minneapolis bridge collapse, ODOT has taken additional measures to ensure the safety and longevity of the 16 bridges in our state that share a similar design. Immediately after the collapse, state bridge inspectors revisited the 16 bridges with the similar deck-truss design, located in Cuyahoga, Lake, Summit, Fairfield, Washington, Warren, Hamilton, Lawrence, and Columbiana counties.

Each bridge has since been re-inspected; the majority are in excellent condition (in terms of sufficiency and general appraisal ratings). However, additional attention was placed on three of the structures, including the I-90/Innerbelt Bridge in Cleveland, where the department will soon begin a \$10 million preservation project which includes reinforcement of several gusset plates – steel plates that tie beams together on the structure.

While no final conclusions have been reached in Minneapolis, federal investigators have suggested that a design issue with gusset plates on the I-35W bridge may have contributed to the tragedy. A \$140 million major preservation/rehabilitation project on the Innerbelt Bridge is currently scheduled to begin in 2010, to ensure full and reliable use of the Innerbelt Bridge into the foreseeable future.

Repairs were also made to the State Route 2/Main Avenue Bridge in Cleveland to strengthen two lower cord members of the structure. Also completed was an ongoing bridge painting project – which adds to the longevity of this steel structure by preventing corrosion.

In Lake County, crews are working to replace the I-90 structures over the Grand River. The new westbound bridge is complete and open to traffic. Crews currently work to demolish the old eastbound bridge, with construction of a new bridge to begin in late August.

"As a department and as a state, we are doing all we can to make sure that Ohio's bridges are safe and reliable," said Director Beasley. "But it is not a failure of inspection or design or construction that leads to most bridge failures. In fact, the primary causes are natural disasters or man-made disasters such as freeway crashes."

In marking the anniversary of the Minneapolis collapse, ODOT has also launched a new online public awareness effort to highlight bridge safety. In addition giving user-friendly definitions to bridge engineering terms like "structurally deficient" and "functionally obsolete," visitors to ODOT's website at [www.dot.state.oh.us](http://www.dot.state.oh.us) will be able to learn more about the state's bridge inspection program, including inspection information on bridges in their area.



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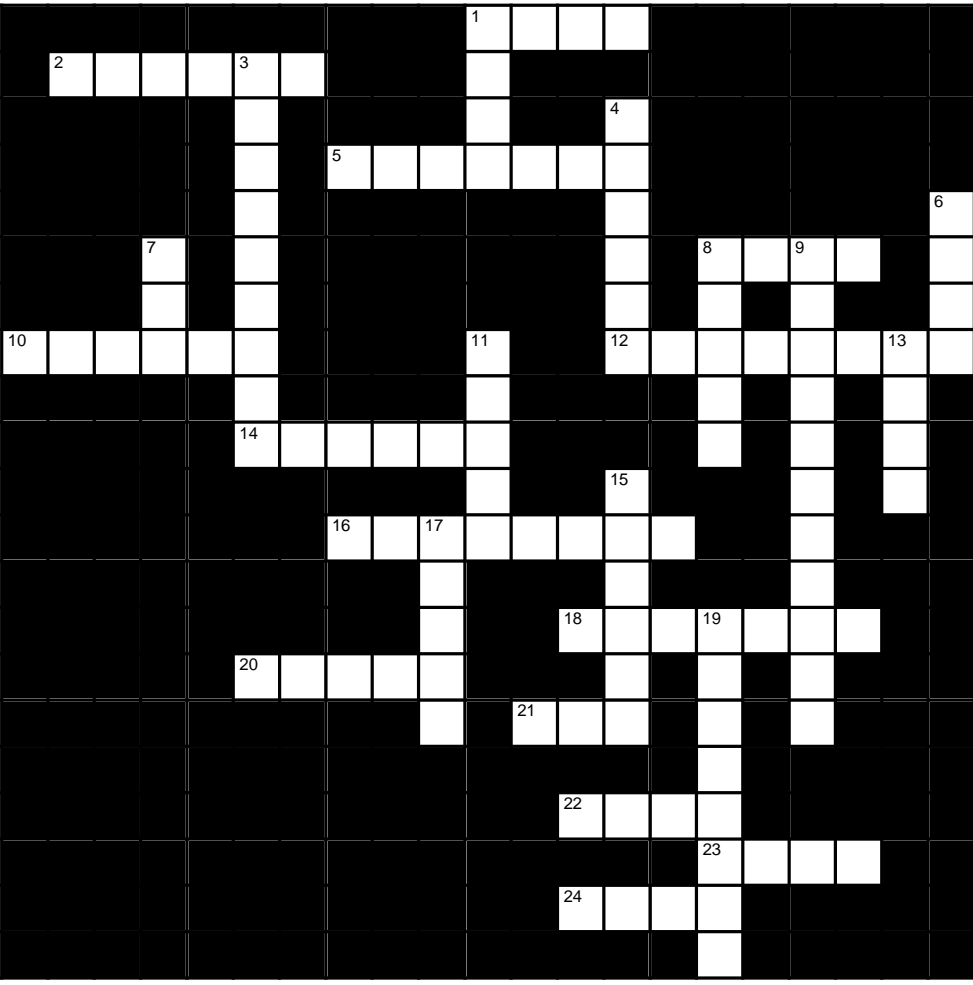
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# Crossword Puzzle



**Across**

1. Pavlov used these animals in his studies of classic conditioning.
2. Curious George is one of these animals.
5. The name of Napoleon's horse.
8. The name of the dog in "The Call of the Wild".
10. St. George fought one of these.
12. This happened to Daniel when he was thrown into the lion's den.
14. The Addams family owned this for a pet.
16. The animals Dian Fossey studied in Rwanda.
18. The name of Roy Rogers' horse.
20. This animal is associated with Captain Ahab in the book by Herman Melville.
21. Dick Whittington had this animal for a pet.
22. The animal featured in the fairy tale "Little Red Riding Hood".
23. The Pied Piper rid the town of Hamelin of these animals.
24. Alice did not meet one of these animals in her adventures through Wonderland.

**Down**

1. Jed Clampett's dog's name.
3. Hannibal used these animals when he crossed the Alps.
4. These animals are mentioned in the books written by Dick Francis.
6. The name of the cockatoo in the Baretta TV series.
7. The animal that played Napoleon in the novel "Animal Farm".
8. These creatures are connected with Audubon.
9. Jane Goodall studied these animals.
11. Queen Elizabeth is known for her attachment to this certain breed of dog.
13. The name of the lioness that Joy Adamson wrote about.
15. He was the pet of Long John Silver.
17. This is the first animal that Noah sent out of ark to check for dry ground.
19. The mascot giraffe of Toys R Us.



**HOW BIRTHDAY PARTIES ARE DIFFERENT FROM 1 TO 12**

By: Tommi Stahl

Do you remember your first birthday party? On Sunday, I went to the cutest little one year old's birthday party—Hunter Lyon's. Do you remember how you got those little outfits and the little toys? Now try to remember your 12<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Well, first you grew out of the baby clothes and toys. You probably can walk and talk by then. You probably got to go and pick out your presents, or you got something that you like.

Hunter's party was different from mine—that is for sure. On his birthday, he was crawling and sticking his hands in his cake. On my birthday, I was walking and I ate my cake with a fork. He got baby clothes. I got big kid clothes.

So, from your first birthday to your 12<sup>th</sup>—they are totally different.

**US 24 TRAFFIC PATTERN CHANGES BEGINNING**

A change in the traffic pattern on US 24 at the west edge of the City of Defiance began July 30<sup>th</sup> to allow construction to continue on a new interchange between US 24 and Ohio 424.

Both eastbound and west bound traffic will be diverted off of US 24 and onto a newly-constructed portion of Ohio 424 in front of the Ohio State Highway Patrol and Ohio Department of Transportation garage facilities. Traffic will be directed to a signalized intersection between Ohio 424 and a temporary roadway which connects back to US 24. A traffic signal at the intersection began operation on July 30<sup>th</sup> when the change in the traffic pattern was made.

Traffic will be flagged through the area while concrete barrier and pavement markings are put in place to designate the new traffic pattern. Beginning in the morning on July 30<sup>th</sup> until the zone is established, delays should be expected.

"Moving traffic off of existing US 24 will allow crews to relocate a ditch and continue with embankment work necessary to construct the interchange," said Tim Burkepille, Ohio Department of Transportation District One deputy director. "This will be a somewhat dramatic change in the normal traffic pattern so we ask motorists to be aware and cautious throughout this long-term but temporary situation," he said.

Traffic will remain in this pattern until the end of 2009. Traffic on US 24 and Ohio 424 will be maintained at all times.

For more information on additional lane and road closures caused by construction, accidents, flooding or other related traffic events visit [www.buckeyetraffic.org](http://www.buckeyetraffic.org)

Answers to "Sudoku puzzle 7/30/08"

2	5	3	1	9	7	4	6	8
7	9	4	8	6	2	3	5	1
6	8	1	3	5	4	7	9	2
3	7	6	2	1	8	5	4	9
9	1	8	5	4	6	2	3	7
5	4	2	7	3	9	8	1	6
1	6	7	4	8	5	9	2	3
8	3	5	9	2	1	6	7	4
4	2	9	6	7	3	1	8	5



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they can be up to speeds of 40 or higher miles per hour. While there, Rich Agness helped with me with what events were happening.

In the pavilion was where the food was served and near that was the kids playing games to see if they

could win a gold fish. You can see here in the picture that Anissia Rodriguez was having lots of fun. She won a gold fish right here. Many people were there from all over showing their support of the local Scott Fire Department.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

As we've seen in the past few years, there has not been many attractions at our fair. I understand that it may be due to budget cuts. I have been going to Van Wert's fair for years and they have many attractions different to Paulding's.

Last year, as a freshman band member and flag corp member, we went to Van Wert's band night at the fair for my first time. There were many other bands and the Grandstand was packed. There were bands from Spencerville, Lincolnview, Delphos Jefferson, and Van Wert. We should have a band night at the fair next year. Not many people can go to the football games, so they can see a half-

time show from the football season. We can also invite other bands from around or close to Paulding also to perform.

The band marches in the parade at Kalida and for the first time, we marched in Fort Wayne's Three Rivers Festival Parade. We went to Disney World in Florida this April and marched. Pretty soon, we're going to be marching at Van Wert again. We perform at other places, so why not at Paulding. We perform in John Paulding's Day Parade.

It is really fun to perform and people enjoy watching us, too. Many parents and grandparents would come to see their children or grandchildren perform as well as others. More people would come to the fair for it, and is another activity to watch and have fun at.

Sincerely,  
—Danielle Smith

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

This little missive is offered to draw attention to the subject of pet ownership—specifically felines.

When one adopts a pet into the family setting, they incur some "responsibility" to the animal to do more than just feed it and, occasionally, pet the animal. As with dogs and reptiles, birds and ferrets, and any other pet it is reasonable to be "responsible" for the creature's well begin and to be aware of its whereabouts. It would also be "responsible" to not let the animal roam and to provide medical care.

So why do so many cats wander freely in Antwerp? When asked about ownership, why do neighbors state, "that's not our cat," or "I don't

know who owns that cat."

The answer is: You are not being "responsible". If you allow your cats to roam outdoors, please, please neuter them. Better yet, neuter them and keep them on your property! Be Responsible!

—Philip Frederick,  
Antwerp

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

There is a new group forming in Fort Wayne for the National Marfan Foundation (NMF).

This is very important for this area as no support group exists near here.

Marfan Syndrome is commonly referred to as "Abraham Lincoln's illness".

This new group is headed up by Ellen England, 260-925-4041 or eeengland@gmail.com

The next meeting will be held August 9 (RSVP by August 2), 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Parkview North, entrance 2, 11123 Parkview Plaza. Supervised play for children in the next room.

Speaker will be Barbara Schroeder MD of Northeast Ophthalmology.

If there is anyone you know that you suspect might be Marfan you should encourage them to attend this group.

I had a table at the Paulding County Hospital Health Day. I gave hand outs and information to several interested individuals.

This meeting is a very good way to get information on symptoms and to help make Marfan Syndrome a public awareness issue in this area.

There are many people who aren't aware of what their symptoms are that actually point to Marfan Syndrome. They really need this support group.

—Ms. Cleo J. Zeigler

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Hello, my name is Dawn Smith and if I have had the pleasure of meeting you, you may remember that I am running for Paulding County Recorder. If we have not met I look forward to your company. It is no secret that a common place to run into a local candidate is to attend any given community social. I can't say that I view this as a chore. Meeting lots of warm and friendly people and eating food prepared by the best cooks in the land has made this political venture painless. I've discovered so many treasures in Paulding County that it fuels a compulsion for me to write about some of my great finds.

Earlier this year we discovered many awesome pancake & sausage breakfasts. The Oakwood Fire Department offered a breakfast once a month through the winter and a group of us marked it on our calendars. The Cecil Fire Department gave Oakwood quite a challenge with their cooks at the grill. The Antwerp Boy Scout Troop showed the best entertainment as such good hosts while the adults cooked up a storm in the kitchen. The Briceton Church offered mush with their pancake supper and then later in the year, at their Ice Cream Social, I had the best grape pie ever topped by Lou Klingler's warm smile. The Melrose Methodist Church had

a soup & sandwich supper and we were almost too late, the soup pots where nearly cleaned out! A life long neighbor, Edith Sholl told about childhood memories of the Melrose Church. It's tough to beat the Antwerp Conservation's fish fry. The people there are so dedicated to creating an atmosphere for anyone to better their sportsman skills. The Township Trustees sure try their best at serving up fish & chicken at their dinners held at the County Fairgrounds. The Payne Lutheran Church also had a fish & chicken dinner that really hit the spot with food and fellowship. Speaking of fellowship, no one can top The Bethel Church near Forder's Bridge. It was real nice to see Mr. Gordon again, having fun trying to keep up with his buddies on the ice cream. Oakwood's ice cream social had entertainment by the Alumni Band that sparked some warm memories of my elementary days. It was enjoyable seeing former teacher Jane Sharp and former librarian Karen Jacobs having so much fun playing in the band. Just recently was the Grover Hill Summerfest and we all know the ice cream that is served by this group. Delicious!

There have been many other events that I haven't mentioned and my point is that there are numerous activities going on all around us; in our back yards. Paulding County offers many opportunities for fellowship, food, and FUN!! It takes a lot of hard work by many dedicated people to create these events. Keep your eye on the local newspapers and don't be shy to remind your neighbors, friends, family, and me too about an upcoming event. I look forward to seeing ya'll at the many more events that are yet to come.

Sincerely,  
—Dawn L. Smith,  
Republican Candidate for  
Paulding County Recorder

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUD BASH AT PAULDING RESERVOIR PARK**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Bud Bash will be held August 23 at Paulding Reservoir Park.

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ing. A daughter, Christine is deceased. They are blessed with 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

They will be celebrating with a family dinner at noon followed by an open house from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to come help the couple celebrate at their home, 3355 Rd. 204, Antwerp, OH. Your presence is a very special gift. No other gifts please.

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**NOW READ THIS**

By: Stan Jordan

These pictures here of the Los Angeles Coliseum and the unusual ticket to us by Earl Johnston, he said they belonged to his father.

This is the site of the Rose Bowl game each year but this is just a big game between USC and Notre Dame. The Irish won this game 14-0.

The game is in progress, but the stadium is not full. That was in December 8, 1934, and times were still tough. The ticket was \$3.00 plus tax, but at that time \$3.00 would feed a family of four, for over a week.

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First row (l-r) - Jan Perry, Josh Hahn, Andy Hahn, Andy Smith, Mitch Fowler, Stan Jordan, Matt Smalley, Craig Walters, Kenny Hahn, Chad Geyer, Brad Franklin, Ty Peffley, Tim Peffley, Brooks Rohrs.

**ANTWERP HISTORY**

By: Stan Jordan

This picture is of the first Annual Alumni Baseball Game. I had the honor and pleasure of throwing the first pitch of the first game. I was then presented with a regulation major league baseball used in one of the Fort Wayne Wizard's games. It had been used in one of the games that Tim Copsey had umpired.

The inaugural Antwerp Alumni Baseball Game was played on Saturday, July 19, with 26 players returning to play. Stan Jordan (Class of 1942) threw out the ceremonial first pitch to begin the day. Player participants included Tim Peffley '70, Matt Doll, Andy Hahn '89, Don Dunderman '91, Heath Dodane, Chad Geyer, Jon Dunderman '92, Mike Hahn, Boston Waltenberger '95, Eric Williamson, Brian Parrish '97, Brad Franklin, Craig Walters '98, Gabe Franklin, Brooks Rohrs '99, Kenny Hahn 2000, Tyler Peffley '01, Matt Smal-

ley '02, Tony Williamson '03, Calvin Bissell '04, Andy Smith '05, Mitch Fowler, Josh Hahn '07, and from the 2008 senior class; Anthony Smith, Jared Delong, and Zach Carr. Umpires for the day were Jan Perry '76, and Chris Walters '78. Former Antwerp baseball coach Rich Tavierne (1989-95) also attended the event.

The white team (even year graduates) won the highly competitive event, but the blue team has vowed to even the record as early as next season. Unfortunately, no one was able to hit a home run and win the home-run derby. We hope to improve on this event next year.

The day was a success due in part to all those who participated, and those who helped organize the event like Barry DeLong, Chris Walters, Jan Perry, Tim Peffley, Lynn Bute, Steve Arnold, just to name a few. Over \$400 was raised during the event to help offset new batting cage net costs.

We hope to make this

Back row (l-r) - Chris Walters, Eric Williamson, Tony Williamson, Anthony Smith Jared Delong, Calvin Bissell, Mike Hahn holding his son Gabriel, John Dunderman, Don Dunderman, Matt Doll, Heath Dodane, Zach Carr, Gabe Franklin, Brian Parrish, Boston Waltenberger.

game an annual event so if you missed out this year, find your mitt, put new laces in the 'ol cleats and get your arms warmed up. Summer 2009 is on it's way!! —written by Tim Copsey.

It was a hot afternoon and they let me sit in the dug out of the even year team, as I was an even year grad, of 1942.

I got to talk with a number of fellows, I didn't know them, but I knew their parents and grandparents.

Barry Delong done a superb job of singing the National Anthem. Jan Perry and Chris Walters assisted me all afternoon besides their job of umpiring. I was treated like royalty all afternoon and I really enjoyed the whole affair.

I hope this does become an annual affair, as everyone I talked to had a big time, as I understand Tim Peffley coached one team and Brooks Rohrs the other team.

I had a fine talk with Heath Dodane, class of '92. He lives in New Paris, Ohio. He has three daughters and probably

never wins an argument. He told me about his job with large displacement pumps in the war time service. He also want the game to be an annual affair.

He said, besides coming home and seeing all the family, I get to see all my classmates and old friends.

The even team won 9-8 in a very good game. The home run derby didn't get a ball out of the park, but they did hit a lot of long balls.

Jan Perry asked me about his grandfather, Blanchard Perry, who was good athlete and ball player back in the mid 1930s. We talked quite a bit about history.

I'm going to include this column as "Antwerp History" because down the road all these players can say, "I played that First Annual Alumni Game."

Thanks fellows for a fine afternoon, and I hope we meet again on the diamond next year.

See ya!

**ANTWERP HISTORY TOO**



By: Stan Jordan

This picture is of The Official Board of the Antwerp Methodist Church. It was taken in the old church, so I assume it was taken in 1950s or early 1960s.

This first man is Joe Carr on the left, seated at the table. Joe was a local business man. He owned an IGA store on the southeast corner of Daggett and South Main. Joe had two daughters. In his early years Joe was a top notch baseball pitcher. He also had a ladies musical band.

The next man is Fred Heckman. He was a farmer and lived east of town on the Canal Road. They have a son and a daughter.

The middle man is Carl Smith. He was the owner/operator of L. Smith & Son. They had two sons and one daughter.

Ed Carr is next. He was a brother to Joe. Ed was Sunday School superintendent for many years. On the

outside, he was the Water Works superintendent for years. I think they had two boys and one daughter.

The next man on the right is Cecil Overmyer. He was a farmer and lived on SR 49 just south of SR 111. I think they had two boys.

The man standing on the left in the back is Harry B. Delong. They lived just south of the Ford Sales. They operated a hatchery - creamery, bought and sold eggs, chickens. He also drove a school bus.

The last man is Dale Hobeck. He was a farmer and done a lot of chores around the church. He had a fine family. I think they had five children. His wife Dorothy just passed away recently, she almost reached the 100 years of age mark.

Yes, all those men have gone down in the history of the older Methodist Church.

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 1 Box Map pencils  
 1 Box of 16 Crayola crayons  
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**USING PEOPLE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE**  
**By: Pastor Joel DeSelm, Woodburn Missionary Church**  
 A businessman invited one of his biggest customers to a posh New York restaurant for lunch. Before his customer arrived, the man went to the rest room where, to his great delight, he saw Lee Iacocca, the famous president of the Chrysler Corporation. "Mr. Iacocca," he gushed, "I've been a great admirer of yours for years. I've read all your books and I'm trying to do all the things you've done in order to be successful." "Thank you very much," Iacocca replied politely. "Sir," the man continued, "I wonder if you would do me a small favor. The man I am having lunch with is trying to decide whether to place a big order with me or with one of my competitors. I need to do everything I can to impress him. Would you please stop at our table and say 'Hello, Fred' to me? Then I'll introduce you to my customer and he'll be terribly impressed." Mr. Iacocca reluctantly agreed. Then, a bit later, as he walked toward Fred's ta-

ble, the customer said, "Holy smoke! Look who's coming over to our table. It's Lee Iacocca!" "Hello, Fred," Iacocca said. "Won't you introduce me to your friend?" Whereupon, Fred nonchalantly replied, "Come back later, Lee. Can't you see we're trying to have lunch?"  
 Can you believe that? Talk about jerking somebody around! When I read that story I laughed out loud. But then as I sat in my office chair, I reflected a little bit about how we can fall prey to that same attitude.

How easy it is to use people for our own ends, never considering how they feel or the impact it is making upon them. Too many times, to accomplish our own agendas we ask people to do this or that, often without taking into account their schedules, feelings, or burdens.

I heard a statement once that I've never gotten away from. The statement went like this: "People are to love, things are to use—not vice versa." You need to re-read that. Hits close to home, doesn't it? For there's within each of us a tendency to love things and use people.

I want to be the kind of person who maintains the proper attitude toward both people and things. How about you? Let's determine to think through what we are asking of other people. To put ourselves into their shoes and look at the situation from their perspective.

We may end up finding a better balance between these issues of loving people and using things. And it will eliminate some unnecessary pain in people's lives. Ask Lee Iacocca.

**AUGUST FREE GIVE AWAY AT ST. PAUL UMC**

St. Paul United Methodist Church will be having a Free Give Away Saturday, August 16. We will be sharing our slightly used clothes, toys, furniture, household items and appliances with our community neighbors Saturday, August 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be collecting items at the church beginning Sunday, August 10.

The church will be open every day and every evening Monday through Friday August 11 through August 15 from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to drop off items. Plastic and paper bags will also be collected.

If you have any questions or if you have items you would like to donate but can't drop them off at the Methodist Church, please contact Nancy Hessler at 419-263-2598. If items could be dropped off at your church, Nancy could plan to pick them up from your church.

**DERCK REUNION: CHILDREN OF JOE, PAUL AND FRANCIS DERCK**



Seated: Beth (Derck) Hammond, Mary Lou (Derck, Kemerer) Peter, Ruth Derck.  
 Standing (l-r): Mary (Derck) Donat, George Derck, Kathleen (Derck) Franklin, Steve Derck, Helen (Derck) Calcut, Cindy (Derck) Knight, Jean (Derck) Reinhart, Ann (Derck) Wiedeman, Linda (Derck) Pendergrast.  
 Missing: Lawrence Derck, John Derck and Margaret Derck.  
 Deceased: Robert Derck and Jerry Derck.

At St. Mary's Center, on Sunday, July 20, 2008 a reunion of the Joe, Paul and Francis Derck families was held for the first time in many years. The turn out was fantastic with well over 200 people in attendance. Of the seventeen first cousins, twelve were in attendance along with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. It was a first time meeting for many cousins of the younger generation. Relatives came from as far away as Michigan, Arizona and Malaysia. The joy of being with family that many had not seen for several years, made the occa-

sion a memorable one. All are looking forward to another reunion in a couple of years.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND MUSIC AT ZION UMC**

An Ice Cream Social will take place on Saturday August 9 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Zion United Methodist Church located on the corner of Walnut and Harrison St. in Grover Hill.

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 7/24 - Bailey Manz, Paulding  
 7/25 - Brent McFarland, Woodburn, IN  
 7/26 - Glenn Rager, Paulding  
 7/27 - Norbert Panico, Antwerp  
 7/28 - Glenn Bauer, Paulding  
 7/29 - Fordyce Colliis, Payne; Terry Overmyer, Payne  
 7/30 - Gayle Sarver, Paulding

**Dismissals:**  
 7/23 - Helen Priest, Paulding  
 7/24 - Theresa Mattocks, Cecil; Delphos Weller, Oakwood (transferred to Laurels of Defiance, OH); Bailey Manz, Paulding (transferred to Lutheran Hospital Fort Wayne); Madalyn Turpening, Cecil  
 7/26 - Brent McFarland, Woodburn, IN (Toledo Hospital); Ruth Hartscock, Paulding  
 7/28 - Glenn Rager, Paulding; Norbert Panico, Antwerp  
 7/30 - Glenn Bauer, Paulding; Terry Overmyer, Payne

**OSU VAN WERT/PAULDING ALUMNI CLUB GOLF OUTING**

The OSU Alumni Club of Van Wert and Paulding Counties will be holding its second golf outing of the season at Pond-A-River Golf Course near Antwerp, Ohio on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

The shotgun start event will be a four person scramble. The entry fee (men and

women welcome) includes 18 holes of golf w/cart, dinner, and entry for door prizes. The entry fee for members of Pond-A-River is reduced. The outing is open to the first 24 paid teams. The deadline for entries is Tuesday, August 12, 2008. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired to a team on the day of the event.

Prize money will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each flight. Prizes will also be awarded for the longest drive (men & women), longest putt, closest to pin (men & women), and hole-in-one. Golfers will also have a chance to win a new car and other great prizes, provided by Greve Chrysler in Van Wert.

All OSU fans are welcome! Get a foursome together and come out and support our Ohio State students! But HURRY, as spots are filling quickly.

The OSU Alumni Club is also in need of golf outing individual and corporate sponsors. Sponsors will have a sign displayed at the golf outing and also be listed on the club's golf outing page on the website.

Proceeds from the outing will go to aid students from Van Wert and Paulding counties who attend The Ohio State University or any of the OSU branches.

For more information about the golf outing or sponsorship, contact Jason Williamson at 419-406-0146 or Matt Kelly at 419-786-8509. Complete information about the golf outing, along with printable entry and sponsorship forms, is also available at [www.osuvwp.org](http://www.osuvwp.org).

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**LATTA STATEMENT ON DEMOCRAT MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement today after voting against the Democrat Leadership motion to adjourn for August recess.

"Today's motion to adjourn is just another example that shows how out of touch the Democrat Leadership of Congress is with the American public. By failing to consider or pass meaningful, comprehensive energy reform, the Democrat Leadership is saying that \$4.00 a gallon gasoline and skyrocketing energy costs for American manufacturing facilities and farmers are okay. With no session scheduled until September 8<sup>th</sup>, the American public will continue to suffer at the expense of the Democrat Leadership," Latta said today after voting against the adjournment resolution.

"I, along with all of my Republican colleagues, voted against the resolution to signify that we are willing to stay and work through August to pass meaningful, comprehensive energy reform that the American public has asked us for so desperately. We believe that our Republican Conference has provided this in the American Energy Act, of which I am a proud co-sponsor," Latta added.

**ODOT JOINS OTHER STATES IN REQUEST FOR MORE FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN BRIDGE SAFETY**

With the one year anniversary of the tragic I-35W bridge collapse in Minneapolis just days away, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is joining its colleagues in other states calling for federal investment into the nation's aging bridge system.

The request comes on the heels of a major national report issued today by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), which shows that one out of every four U.S. bridges needs to be modernized or repaired. Immediately making all of the necessary improvements would cost at least \$140 billion; in Ohio, that cost is estimated at \$4.2 billion.

Among the report's key findings:

\*\*Age - usually built to last 50 years, the average bridge in this country today is 43 years old; almost 20 percent of these "Baby Boomer" bridges are over 50.

\*\*The Price Tag - according to new data from the Federal Highway Administration, the cost to repair or modernize the country's bridges is at least \$140 billion, assuming all the bridges were fixed immediately.

\*\*Soaring Construction Costs - costs of steel, asphalt, concrete and earthwork have risen by 41 percent over the past four years in Ohio. Nearly every state faces future funding shortfalls that could prevent them from the on-going replacement needed to keep bridges sound indefinitely.

"ODOT devotes a significant amount of its annual budget to bridge preservation and modernization. Over just the past year, ODOT has contracted more than \$404 million in projects to preserve and improve our state

bridges," said ODOT Director James Beasley. "But for all the work we accomplish with our transportation partners at the local level, the sustained safety of Ohio's bridges will rely more on continued and improved federal investment in Ohio's infrastructure."

Ohio has more than 42,000 bridges, the second largest inventory of bridges in the nation - second only to Texas. ODOT is responsible for more than 14,891 bridges on the state highway system.

"New technology can help us build bridges that are stronger and longer-lasting," said Pete Rahn, AASHTO president and director of the Missouri Department of Transportation. "Yet we are not seeing the kind of national attention or investment we need to address these issues."

As it stands today, the Federal Highway Trust Fund cannot fulfill the promises made to Ohio under the transportation reauthorization package passed in 2005. The latest figures forecast a shortfall that would result in a national cut of \$13 billion in federal investment. Ohio could face up to \$550 million in lost federal funding in 2009.

On July 29, ODOT Director Beasley detailed the work Ohio has done to improved bridge safety in the twelve months since the Minneapolis collapse. The department will also launch a new public outreach effort to help the public better understand the state's efforts to keep bridges safe.

**YOUNG AND NOT-SO-YOUNG ROCK ON AT THE LIBRARY**



Two young rockers compete for the ultimate Guitar Hero title.

The Paulding County Carnegie Library recently hosted its first "Guitar Hero" competition. Over 30 kids, parents and grandparents watched as competitors rocked for great prizes. After the competition, parents got

to try their rock star skills. The library will continue to schedule Guitar Hero events as well as new programs with the Wii.

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**PAULDING VILLAGE MINUTES FOR JULY 7, 2008**

Paulding Village Council met in Regular Session on July 7, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Mayor Greg White called the meeting to order.

Finance Director Tope called roll call with the following members present: Barb Rife, Roger Sierer, Randy Daeger, Ronnie Breedlove, and Kim Sutton. Administrator Wiebe and Solicitor Jones were also present. Councilman Sam Jeffery was absent.

Rife motioned to approve the minutes of the June 16th meeting, seconded by Daeger. Vote: Rife, yea; Sierer, yea; Daeger, yea; Breedlove, abstain; Sutton, yea.

Resolution 1217-08 re: A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to Certify to the Village of Paulding the Total Current Tax Valuation of said Village and the Dollar amount of Revenue that would be Generated by One (1) Mill for a Renewal Levy for Recreational Purposes, including the Paulding Village Pool in Accordance to Revised Code 5705.19(H), and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Sutton motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea. Breedlove motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1218-08 re: A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to Certify to the Village of Paulding the Total Current Tax Valuation of said Village and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that would be Generated by One (1) Mill for a Renewal Levy for the Purpose of Providing and Maintaining Fire Apparatus, Appliances, Buildings or Sites Therefore, and the Payment of Permanent Part-

time or Volunteer Firemen or Fire Fighting Companies to Operate the Same, including the Payment of the Firefighter Employers' Contributing required under Section 742.34 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC 5705.19(I)), and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Rife motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea. Breedlove motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Rife. Vote: all yea.

Resolution 1219-08 re: A Resolution requesting the County Auditor to Certify to the Village of Paulding the Total Current Tax Valuation of said Village and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that would be Generated by a 2.4 Mill Replacement Levy with a .4 Mill Reduction for Current Expenses in Accordance to Revised Code 5705.19(A), and Declaring an Emergency, was read for the first time. Rife motioned to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Daeger. Vote: all yea. Rife motioned to approve the legislation, seconded by Sierer. Vote: all yea. Sierer noted this levy helps to fund the Village's street lighting expenses, and that it only failed by 21 votes last November.

Ordinance 1380-08 re: An Ordinance Establishing that Certain Streets in Countryside Estates require the Replacement of Yield Signs with Stop Signs and that Certain Other Streets in Countryside Estates require the Erection of Stop Signs, was read for the second time.

Ordinance 1381-08 re: An Ordinance Regulating Golf Cart Use within the Village of Paulding, Ohio, was read for the second time. Jones noted sections 8 and 9 of this ordinance were added since the last reading.

Sarah Mott of the Paulding Water Park was present to discuss current activities and

improvements at the pool. The following items were addressed:

\*\*Pool Hours - the pool is now open on Friday and Saturday from 12-8 and 1-8 on Sunday.

\*\*Gatorade has been lowered to \$.75 per bottle.

\*\*Fund raiser - for \$.25 patrons can write their name on a fish and hang it on the wall to decorate the pool house. All proceeds go to the American Red Cross.

\*\*The second session of swimming lessons will take place from July 14th-18th.

\*\*Water aerobics take place every Monday and Thursday night.

\*\*Two additional pool employees have been hired at the approval of the Recreation Board.

\*\*The pool will close August 17th.

Rife noted the pool heater has malfunctioned, and inquired when the heater will be fixed. Mayor White noted Todd Schweller has contacted a specialist from Van Wert for assistance to correct the problem.

Wiebe informed Council that he and Finance Director Tope met with representatives from Maumee Valley Planning Organization (MVPO) to discuss the recent income survey. He noted MVPO has received approximately 180 responses, but are in need of at least 200 more. The results of the survey may allow the Village to apply for additional grant monies to fund the new water plant in the amount of approximately \$500,000. Any additional funding will save money for both the Village and its residents.

Finance Director Tope requested Council approve a \$335,903.63 disbursement to URS Corporation for engineering services for the new water treatment plant. Rife motioned to approve the disbursement, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

Mayor White relayed Mayor's Court collected \$468 for the month of June 2008.

Wiebe noted he had received correspondence from the Defiance County Administrator, Laura Howell, requesting the Village's participation in promoting and marking the US-24 corridor from the Indiana line through Paulding, Defiance, and Henry county lines. Council requested Wiebe receive further information regarding this project, and maintain contact with Ms. Howell.

Wiebe noted he mailed a certified letter to the gentleman that currently farms the Village's 60-acres of tillable ground informing him of the Village's desire to bid out the farming of the property. Solicitor Jones noted he has prepared a sample lease agreement that he will present to the Grounds and Buildings Committee for their review.

Wiebe noted Keith Nelson is scheduled to inspect the Emerald Road elevated tank on July 15th. He will be checking for any failures during the year. The tank is still under warranty until October 11th, 2008.

Solicitor Jones noted Jeff Hunt was instructed by the court to pay a fine of \$1375 (\$25 per day for 55 days) to the Village for violating the zoning ordinance, plus court costs and applicable probation fees for a grand total of \$1,525.50.

Wiebe noted Eric Fehennig of ODOT and Todd Schweller

will meet with representatives of the Village to discuss the signal at Williams and Gasser Streets.

Daeger inquired if Mike Winners, Water Plant Superintendent, had received any responses to the CCR report that went out. He also requested committee meetings adhere to the meeting agenda and nothing more.

Wiebe noted the Water/Sewer Meeting scheduled for June 30th to discuss the sewer and water infrastructure for the US24/US127 was cancelled due to the State not yet approving the RLF Grant to fund the study.

The following Committee meetings were scheduled:

PCFA - Wednesday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole - Thursday, July 10th at 5:00 p.m.

Salary & Allowance Board - Thursday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee - Monday, July 14th at 5:00 p.m.

Grounds & Buildings Committee - Tuesday, July 15th at 10:00 a.m.

Safety Committee - Wednesday, July 16th at 5:00 p.m.

Rife motioned to pay the bills, seconded by Sutton. Vote: all yea.

Rife motioned to adjourn, seconded by Breedlove. Vote: all yea.

**NOW READ THIS TOO**

By: Stan Jordan

Not long ago, a young fellow was trying to explain the game of football to his girlfriend.

She says, yes, I know it is all about money, money, money. This whole game is about money.

The young fellow could not get her to like the game or understand it. Her mind was made up, it's all about money. He slowed up a little and asked her to explain her theory about the game.

She said well at the start of a game, the officials and two or three from each team meet on the field and toss a quarter into the air. Then for the next 60 minutes they all try to get the quarter back.

See ya!

**THANK YOU**

What a wonderful place to call home...

Our family cannot begin to express our most sincere thanks to everyone for their continuous support since our fire on July 3, 2008. This is such a GREAT community that we are all proud to be a part of. Our family would like to thank all of you in Paulding, Henry and Defiance Counties that have helped us. Our gratitude knows no boundaries or rivalries and appreciates all of you the same. We would like you to know that we appreciate all of the phone calls, prayers, clothes, gift cards and the monetary donations that you all have sent our way.

We would like to give very special thanks to our parents and our family for taking us in, the American Red Cross, Brian Gerber, Bill Speller, Kevin Wilson, Al Lautzenheiser, Rob Wannermacher and Sara Dietrich and their families, The Entire Wayne Trace Staff and the Raider Family of athletes and stu-

dents, The Oakwood, Grover Hill and Paulding Fire Fighters, Tim and Vicki with the Oakwood EMS, the area churches and their members, R&B Fabrications Team, Ron & Dan Eakins, Steve Peters, Elgin Service Center, The Klausings and our friends at Elgin, the Subway Family, the Grover Hill Pony League Baseball Team, the Raider ACME Baseball Team, the Grover Hill Little League Softball Team and the Varsity Football Team and their families, to the Grover Hill Community for all of their time, love and support.

We also want to recognize those of you who have anonymously donated to the Critten Family Fire Fund at the State Bank and Trust. You are all amazing and wonderful for helping our family to rebuild our lives.

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5:00	Food Line Begins
	Vaughn Sanderson Band
	Airbrush Henna Tattoos 5:00 - 9:00
6:00 - 6:45	Bottom of the Barrel Boys Band
6:45 - 7:00	Kid's Tug-of War
7:00 - 7:30	Bottom of the Barrel Boys Band Continues
7:30 - 8:00	Auction
8:00 - 9:00	Raffle
9:00 - 9:15	Buckeye Drop
9:15 - 10:00	Melrose Opry House Band
10:00 - 10:15	50/50 Drawing (Must be present to win)
10:15 - 10:30	Adult Tug-of-War
10:30 - ?	Melrose Opry House Band Continues

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PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS
AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER



SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends of the Paulding Exempted Village Schools,
The 2008-2009 school year is just around the corner with opening day for students on August 20. The custodians have been busy preparing the buildings for the upcoming school year and their hard work is appreciated. Open house for all buildings will be on August 19. We invite everyone to stop in, tour the buildings, meet new staff members, as well as visit with returning staff. Community support is a vital part of any successful school district, and I look forward to working with our communities this year to continue strengthening the education we provide at Paulding Exempted Village Schools.
Yours in Education,
Pat Ross

NOTES FROM THE PRINCIPALS
Paulding Elementary-Martin Miller

The staff at Paulding Elementary is eagerly awaiting the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. Our theme for this year is: "Building Character One Day At A Time". A reminder to parents and students to attend our Open House on Tuesday, August 19 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. School begins for students in Grades 1-5 on Wednesday, August 20. Kindergarten students' first day of school will be Monday, August 25.

Oakwood Elementary-Jennifer Manz

Hello from Oakwood Elementary on a beautiful summer day!

As you read this, I hope you are enjoying a safe summer! It is such a special time of year - reading books, summer ball, bike riding, swimming, ice cream cones, playing barefoot outside, family vacations. Our children make so many lasting family memories during the long, hot days of summer!

Now that you have turned the page on the calendar to August, returning to school will be here before you know it. Class lists for 2008-2009 will be posted on our main door here at Oakwood Elementary on Monday, August 11, and will appear in local newspapers later that week. Our school supply lists were sent home in the grade card envelopes in May; but if you need another copy, I have the list here in the office. Feel free to stop in and pick one up.

The results of the Grades 3-8 Ohio Achievement Tests arrived in our district in mid-June. Parent reports were mailed home to Oakwood Elementary families the second week of July. Oakwood Elementary passed 8 of its 12 indicators and was rated an effective school by the State of Ohio. While these results indicate to us we have room for improvement and need to continue to make adjustments to our lessons to better meet the needs of all of our students, we are thankful for the effort our students put into giving their best on each assignment and learning activity throughout the year. We also appreciate the support we feel from our students' parents, as they encourage their children to make the most of the educational opportunities provided.

Please join us in welcoming three new staff members to Oakwood Elementary for the 2008-2009 school year. Mrs. Debra Carter will be our Title I reading teacher; Ms. Kylee Jackson will be teaching kindergarten; and Mrs. Joy Manz will be filling the teaching position in our brand new pre-school unit. We are also pleased to have Ms. Amanda Stainbrook with us all day. She will continue in her position as 1/2 day intervention specialist, and she will also add the responsibilities of 1/2 day Title I.

Again, I hope you are enjoying summertime! I look forward to seeing you at our Open House on Tuesday, August 19, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Middle School-David Stallkamp

Greetings from Paulding Middle School. We are ready to go and looking forward to the students arrival on Wednesday, August 20. The building is in fantastic shape and the supplies are here waiting to be used.

Student schedules, locker assignments, etc.. will be mailed early to mid-August. Students may come visit the school and walk through their schedule anytime from 8:00 -3:00 before school starts. If they have any questions, please see Mr. Stallkamp or Mrs. Langhals as soon as possible.

Just a reminder that school starts at 7:40. The school doors open at 7:20, followed at 7:35 with the warning bell. The 7:40 bell signals the start of class and you will be counted tardy if you are not in the assigned room at that time. All students should be in first period class at 7:40.

Our annual fund raiser will kick off on August 26 and run through September 10. This is our only fund raiser the entire school year that encompasses the entire student population. We would appreciate your support in this very worthwhile project.

If any student is interested in extracurricular sports for this school year, please contact Chris Etzler, Athletic Director, at ext. 1245, for more information regarding your activity. Physicals are required to be able to participate in any sport. Forms are available in any school office. Please remember that if you are participating in any extracurricular activity, your school fees must be paid in full or a payment plan in place through the middle school office. Call Marcy at ext. 1212 to set up this plan.

Workbook fee reminders, etc. will be coming home early in the school year. If you are an upcoming 8th grader, please make sure your fees are caught up so that you will be able to participate in the year end 8th grade graduation ceremony.

I again look forward to your return for the school year 2008-2009. I hope that it will be a great one for all of us.

High School-Todd Harmon

We would like to send a big thank you to Karen Schlatter, Julie McCullough and their church youth group who donated their labor to groom the landscaping around our buildings.

Every time parents, students and school supporters use our school's "5% Back to Schools" ID number when buying qualifying school supplies at Office Depot, our school receives credits equal to 5% of those purchases to use for free supplies. Our school's ID number is 70079914. Please share this number with family and friends and help our school get much needed supplies.

The high school office will be open August 14 from noon to 8:00 p.m. and again on August 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of paying fees and picking up schedules.

Reminder to students that getting involved with extracurricular activities is still an option. Call Chris Etzler, Athletic Director, if interested in getting information on football, cross country and volleyball. We want students to be involved and have a positive experience here at PHS.

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

We welcome the following personnel to the school district: Debra Carter, O.E. Title I; Carrie Cleland, P.E. Preschool, Kylee Jackson, O.E. kindergarten; McKayla Kunesh, H.S. math and varsity volleyball coach; Joy Manz, O.E. preschool; Ashley Shepherd, P.E. kindergarten; Amanda Stainbrook, O.E. 1/2 time intervention specialist and 1/2 time Title I; and Tatiana Wright, H.S. Spanish.

SAFETY-ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL

As the start of school arrives, it is time to remind everyone about the safety of our students. Please be aware, whether they are walking, in a car, or on a school bus going to or coming from school, we need to watch out for the students. They are often distracted by the excitement of the start of school and do not see us.

At Paulding, buses will bring the students to the bus parking area on Emerald Road. Parents who drive their children to school should drop them off at the horseshoe drive on Water Street. Designated visitor parking

is available. Please utilize this to enter the elementary through their entrance and the middle school/high school through the doors under the panther.

At Oakwood all buses will bring the students to the bus area off First Street. Parents who drive their children to school should drop them off at the entrance on Third Street.

DELAY /CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

School is delayed or closed for bad weather because of concern for student safety. The Superintendent and Support Services Supervisor check weather conditions every school morning. If fog (which can develop late), snow or ice makes the bus turnarounds and routes too dangerous, school is delayed or closed.

The Paulding Exempted Village Schools use a two-hour delay and then, if necessary, close. The two-hour delay provides time for the weather conditions to change. The announcement is put on the website, switchboard answering machine and area radio/TV stations. The new website address is: pauldingschools.org

The announcement is normally called into radio/TV stations by 6:00 a.m., though fog can cause a later call. Each station has its own practice for announcing delays and closings, so please listen carefully.

NEW PRE-SCHOOL UNITS

Oakwood Elementary and Paulding Elementary will each be opening a new pre-school unit. Ten children will be able to attend morning pre-school and ten may attend afternoon pre-school at each location. The cost to send a child to pre-school will be determined on a sliding scale based on family income. If you have or know a pre-school age child (3 or 4 years olds) you would like to enroll in our new program, applications are available through the school office.

BUSSING INFORMATION

Letters were sent to every student household requesting information pertaining to transportation to and from school. Please complete the information, even if you feel your child does not qualify for bus pick-up. If you did not receive a letter, contact the school at 419-399-4656.

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH PRICES

Oakwood Elementary and Paulding Elementary will now be offering breakfast for \$1.35. The rest of the prices remain the same as last year. Extra milk is \$.35 for all students.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Elementary, MS/HS) and Price (Breakfast, Lunch, Salad/Panther Plate)

NOTICE FOR ABSENCE

The district's attendance policy asks that a parent telephone the school on the day a student will be absent. Also, a note must accompany a student on the day of his return to school, noting the reason for absence.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The "No Child Left Behind Act" encourages parents to be actively involved in the education of your child. All parents have the right to know the teaching qualifications of their child's classroom teacher. Information made be obtained by contacting the principal in your child's building or by accessing the Ohio Department of Education website at http://webapp2.ode.state.oh.us/core/. The Ohio PIRC (Parent Information and Resource Center) is also a valuable resource with ideas for getting involved in your child's education. The Ohio PIRC may be contacted at 1-866-253-1829, or visit their website at http://www.ohiopirc.org/index.php.

ANNUAL EPA REQUIRED NOTICE

All of the school buildings in the Paulding Exempted Village School District are free of Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM). The only ACBM known to remain in district owned buildings is in the football locker room. This ACBM will continue to be observed and a maintenance program is in

place. You may direct any questions concerning ACBM within the school to Rob Giesige at 419-399-4656, ext. 1550.

FALL SEASON TICKETS

Fall season tickets will be on sale the following dates and locations:
Aug. 11 & 13 Auditoria 2:00-5:00
Aug. 15 Meet the Team @ Football Field
Aug. 18 & 20 Ath. Dir.'s Off. 9:00-Noon
Aug. 21 & 22 Auditoria During lunches
Season tickets will NOT be sold at the gate.

Table with 3 columns: Season Ticket Prices, Adult, Student
Football \$25 \$15
Football w/res. seat \$30 \$30
Volleyball \$25 \$20
Family All-Sport: \$100 (Includes children in grades 1-12)
Family All-Sport w/reserved seat for football: \$100 + \$5/person
All Sport (Gen. adm. to all HS/JH fall sports) \$45 \$25
All Sport w/Res. Seat for football: \$50
All Sport for athletes in fall sport: \$10

BLACK SWAMP BOWL

The football game between Paulding and Wayne Trace will have a new twist this year. The rival teams will be playing for the Black Swamp Bowl trophy. In order to help the Panthers win this trophy, show school spirit and help our local food bank, t-shirts will be sold with the Black Swamp Bowl logo. The proceeds from the sale of these shirts will be donated to our local food bank. The shirts will cost \$10 and may be purchased at the home scrimmage with Antwerp on August 15, and the first week of school. What a great way to show our school spirit and help a worthwhile organization at the same time!

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

Table with 3 columns: Date, Event Name, Time
JV Football
Aug. 23 Wayne Trace-H 7:00
Aug. 30 Delphos Jefferson-H 10:00
Varsity Football
Aug. 22 Wayne Trace-T 7:30
Aug. 29 Delphos Jefferson-T 7:30
Golf
Aug. 11 Defiance Invitational-T 9:00
Aug. 12 Antwerp/Hicksville/Hilltop-H 4:00
Aug. 14 Jefferson@AllenEast 12:30
Aug. 18 Allen East Inv.-T 9:00
Aug. 19 Allen East Inv.-T 9:00
Aug. 21 Bluffton@Ada 4:00
Aug. 22 Wayne Trace-T 4:00
Aug. 25 Lincolnview/LCC@Crestview 4:00
Aug. 26 Bluffton/LCC-H 4:00
Volleyball
Aug. 26 Defiance-H 6:00
Aug. 28 Fairview-T 6:00

DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS

Table with 3 columns: Date, Event Name, Time
Aug. 6 Athletic Booster Meeting 7:00
Aug. 11 Class lists posted on elementary doors and published in local newspaper
Aug. 12 Board Mtg-Admin. Bd. Room 7:00
Aug. 15 Meet the Team@Antwerp Football Scrimmage-H 6:00
Aug. 18 FFA Alumni Mtg.-Ag Room 7:15
Aug. 20 First Day of School for Students
Aug. 25 Band Booster Mtg-Band Room 7:00
Aug. 26 M.S. Fund Raiser Begins

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Table with 3 columns: Date, Event Name, Time
Aug. 19 Open Houses: Oakwood Elem. 5:30-7:00 p.m., Paulding Elem. 6:00-7:30 p.m., M.S./H.S. School 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Aug. 20 First day of school for grades 1-12
Aug. 25 First day of school for Pre-school and Kindergarten
Sept. 1 No School-Labor Day
Nov. 6 & 11 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 No School-Prof. Dev. Waiver Day
Nov. 26 No School Due to Parent-Teacher Conf.
Nov. 27-28 No School-Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 24-Jan. 2-No School-Christmas Break
Jan. 19 No School-Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 5 & 10 Parent-Teacher Conf. 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13 No School Due to Parent-Teacher Conf.
Feb. 16 No School-Presidents' Day
Mar. 25 No School-Prof. Dev. Waiver Day
Apr. 9-13 No School-Easter Break
May 20 Last Day of School for Students
May 24 Senior Graduation 2:30 p.m.

**MAUMEE VALLEY ANTIQUE & GAS ASSOCIATION 2008 TRACTOR SHOW**

The Maumee Valley Antique Steam & Gas Association is having its 30<sup>th</sup> Annual show August 14-17, 2008 at Jefferson Township Park East of New Haven, Indiana. Take U.S. 30 East 4 miles (from I-469) to Webster Road. Turn north (left) three miles, cross Dawkins Road. Handicap parking on grounds.

See antique steam engines, tractors, equipment, gas engines, antique trucks and cars. Featuring John Deere tractors. All other Exhibits welcome.

Demonstrations of threshing wheat, sawing and planing lumber and plowing with steam engines and antique tractors, 15-ton, 125 HP Buckeye Oil Engine and a blacksmith shop. Women will enjoy flea markets, a large quilt display. Special tent for Antiques, primitive, Collectibles and trading post. Hot Shot Z the clown Friday & Saturday. Kiddy Tractor Pull Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

New: Hay ride Friday and Saturday pulled by horses. Friday evening Antique Tractor Pull 5:00 p.m. Saturday at 10:00 a.m. feature tractors pull, heavy-weight Antique

tractors 5:00 p.m.  
 Food:  
 Friday: 12:00-7:00 p.m., Fish & Tenderloin Fry  
 Saturday: 12:00-7:00 p.m., Basted Chicken Dinner. Other food vendors. Steamed sweet corn Friday and Saturday afternoons.  
 Entertainment: (Please bring lawn chairs)  
 Friday: Spike and the Bulldogs, (Songs of the 50s & 60s) 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.  
 Saturday: The Applejack Klogers, 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.  
 Bill Werling Band (Square dancing) 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
 Sunday: Church Service 9:00 a.m.  
 The New Haven, IN High School Alumni Band, 1:30 p.m. (Songs from the 60's).

**ANTWERP ATHLETIC BOOSTERS BICYCLE TOUR AND 5K RUN**

The Antwerp Athletic Boosters will be coordinating two fund-raising events as part of the Antwerp Day in the Park on August 9. Bicyclists can enjoy a variety of non-competitive, mapped-out routes around the village of Antwerp and surrounding countryside. Distances range from eight miles to twenty-seven miles. The longer routes

begin at 7:30 by the ticket window of the Antwerp football field. The shorter routes begin at approximately 8:00 at the same location. All cyclists will receive a T-shirt, maps of the routes, and snacks at the conclusion of each route. All proceeds of this event going toward the construction of an all-weather track in Antwerp. For more information and costs regarding the bicycle rides, contact Steve or Susie Arnold at 419-258-2766.

Also, runners (walkers are welcome too) can compete in a competitive five kilometer race or a one-mile fun run. Both events start near the Antwerp football field ticket booth with the fun run starting at 8:00 and the 5K race starting at 8:30. Winners of the 5K race will receive an Archer Tote Bag. Pre-registration includes a T-shirt and snacks at the conclusion of the race. Again, all proceeds benefit the all-weather track campaign. For more information and costs about the 5-K run/walk, contact Cord Ehrhart at 419-258-8191.

**VANTAGE CAREER CENTER SEEKS FUNDING FOR OSFC RENOVATION AND BUILDING PROJECT**

Written by: Vantage Superintendent Staci Kaufman

The Vantage Career Center Board of Education has accepted the Ohio School Facilities Commission offer of assistance to renovate and expand the school. The OSFC will contribute 71.43 percent of the project, totaling over \$16 million dollars. Vantage must secure its local share of the project as well as additional funds for aspects of the project that cannot be covered by the OSFC.

Legislative changes to education in past years have required additional academic coursework and mandated passage of the Ohio Graduation Test. Added to the decreased space available for both career technical and academic instruction at Vantage is the issue of bringing the trade and industry labs up

to date. Energy-efficient heating, cooling, and ventilating systems, as well as sprinkler systems for fire safety, are necessary. Lab space being relocated will be renovated, eliminating the use of mezzanine lofts as instructional areas, which are not handicap accessible.

Vantage Career Center has proudly served the district since 1976 by providing highly skilled career training to youth and adults. Ohio's career centers offer some of the best career technical education in the nation, with Ohio and Oklahoma setting the pace for more recent initiatives in Florida and California. Unlike many area high school graduates, Vantage students tend to remain in their communities and begin employment in both high-skill and entry-level career areas. Several Vantage students work their way through college, while living within our district and supporting the local economy.

Community members are invited to tour the Vantage facility this fall at upcoming scheduled events. Specific information will be available at several public meetings throughout the months ahead. News articles will continue to share information regarding more specific facility needs and plans for renovation.

Your support of the replacement of the current .8 operating levy and 1.2 mill renovation project are necessary in November. Estimated new cost to the \$100,000 homeowner is approximately 12 cents per day. Please contact the Superintendent's office at 419-238-5411, extension 102, to offer assistance for the levy campaign, request a levy presentation for a community organization, or to ask for more information.

**If you mailed 11,500 Postcards (circulation of West Bend News) it would cost \$2875 not including printing charges. A postcard size ad only cost \$72**

**FARMERS SEEK POWER FROM WIND**



Dan Juhl speaks at the Payne American Legion about making money with wind energy. Sponsored by the Ohio Farmers' Union.

By: Bryce Steiner

The Ohio Farmer's Union presented a meeting on July 29 at the American Legion in Payne. There were people from all over waiting to hear what was to be presented. Approximately 80 people were in attendance.

Marvin Thompson, president of the Ohio Farmer's Union, opened and explained how the union has been helping farmers in the area for 106 years and this was no different in helping the local farmers again.

Dan Juhl was the main speaker for the evening. Dan is an expert in wind power from Minnesota and he travels the country helping farmers setup wind farms to "harvest" the winds energy. The energy is then changed into electrical power and sold to the utility companies who in turn sell it to their consumers.

Mr. Juhl (www.juhlwind.com) has been working with the wind for 30 years. Dan also helps lawmakers to make fair laws concerning the use of wind energy and taxation. Due to Dan's help, his local community has made hundreds of jobs because of wind and they even have to bring in workers. Billions of dollars now flow through the town that he is from.

**MR. AND MRS. JAN PERRY CELEBRATE 15 YEARS OF MARRIAGE**

Angel and Jan Perry were married in Antwerp at the United Methodist Church July 30, 1993. They live in Hicksville and have two children - Callie age 8 and Collin age 11. The bride's mother and father, Gerry and Kim Shidler are from Cecil. The groom's mom and dad are Eddie and Gwinn Perry from Antwerp.

The couple just stayed at home loving life to celebrate this occasion.

Jan works at FSC&E. Angel is a High school English teacher at Paulding High school.

**LATTA STATEMENT REGARDING DEMOCRAT "ENERGY" PLAN**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) made the following statement on July 24, 2008 after voting against H.R. 6578, a bill that would deplete the strategic petroleum reserve of approximately ten percent (70 million) barrels of oil. To contrast, the United States consumes 20 million barrels of oil per day.

"This bill is yet another indicator of how out of touch the Democrat Leadership of Congress is with the Ameri-

Dan said that this part of Ohio could do something very similar and work to help the economy out tremendously. He explained that many of the "farms" work as C-bed's and that there are large financiers who will help and they will also get a cut along with the banks who are interested and help finance the project. The local investors would have to come up with about 1% and there will be banks and corporations that help. Many people asked questions concerning this and many questions were answered. Each of the large turbines may cost 2 to 2.5 million dollars.

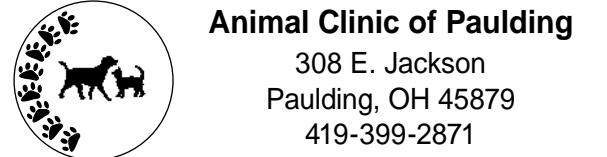
He also explained that for every kilowatt/hour generated, the Federal government would give \$.02 in tax credits. The space used for the wind turbine's do not use that much space and the land could still be farmed. It may only be on a couple of farmer's land but many can invest and receive returns for their investments.

Dan also said that other states including Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois are already doing this "C-bed" financing program. It takes about 4-5 months to setup a multi-mega-watt windfarm.

More information may be obtained from the websites listed in the article.

can public. H.R. 6578 does nothing more than take away valuable oil from our strategic reserve to provide cover for the Democrat Leadership's failure to enact comprehensive energy reform, in addition to creating a national security threat. With this bill, the Congressional Democrat Leadership has truly given the American people the pre-verbal 'drop in the bucket' approach to solving our nation's energy needs," Latta said after today's vote.

"The American public has demanded and deserves comprehensive energy reform that promotes renewable and alternative energy, in addition to the exploration and recovery of our domestic natural resources. Any bill that does not include those provisions will not bring energy prices down or reduce our dependency on Middle Eastern oil. House Republicans have introduced meaningful, comprehensive energy reform in H.R. 6578, the American Energy Act of which I am a proud co-sponsor. This legislation lays out a clear plan to lower energy prices in the short and long term, in addition to providing the meaningful reform needed as energy prices continue to rise," Latta added.



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**FRIENDSHIP TREK VBS AT MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Antwerp will be having Vacation Bible School for three year-olds to sixth graders August 11-15, 6:30-8:00 p.m. The theme will be "Friendship Trek, Jesus is our forever friend".

For more information call 419-258-5061 or registration forms are located at the church. Come join the fun!

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Ethan Anthony Harrison Marlin was born at 7:55 a.m. on June 30, 2008 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Ethan weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and was 18½ inches long.

Ethan's proud parents are Dan and Yvonne Marlin and big brother Teeghun Anthony Hewitt Marlin of Antwerp.

Maternal and paternal grandparents are Richard and Sharon Bauer and Thomas and Patricia Marlin all of Antwerp. Great-grandmother is Betty Bauer of Antwerp.

Attending physicians were Dr. Todd Rumsey and Dr. Thomas Wheeler. Pediatric surgeon was Dr. David Smith.

**FALL MEETING TO BE HELD AT PAULDING USBC WBA**

The Paulding USBC WBA will hold the fall meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Hanes Lanes in Paulding. Please attend.

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**HOUSE APPROVES CAMP PERRY FUNDING**

Congressman Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) is pleased to announce the House of Representatives has approved \$2 million in funding for the Ohio Army National Guard Camp Perry Training Site in Port Clinton, Ohio. The \$2 million, contained within H.R. 6599, The Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriations Bill, will provide the funds necessary to build an 80-bed barracks facility at Camp Perry.

"Camp Perry serves as an important training facility for the Ohio National Guard and host to national shooting matches. This funding will provide much needed improvements to ensure our soldiers have the best facilities possible," Latta said following final passage of the bill from the House of Representatives.

**CITY OF WOODBURN MINUTES JULY 7, 2008**

Mayor Richard Hoepfner called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Pledge to the Flag.

Kyle Carpenter reported the trailblazer is running okay now. There were 97 incidents in May. Robert Zimmerman asked Kyle about Homeland security test programs. Kyle stated he would get Councilman Zimmerman a copy of the last meeting. Kyle stated there were a few firework complaints.

The Compost situation has been resolved. Mayor Richard Hoepfner reported that Eilbacher Fletcher had contacted him pertaining to the New Haven Court correctly handling the charges and payments for fines and LECE funds. In their investigation as far as they could tell the funds are being handled correctly.

There were two bids for the Havenwood Property 1 @ \$ 1,800 and the other for \$2,000.00. Since the bids came in much lower then the appraised value. Mayor Hoepfner suggested that the two bidders along with Pat Proctor attend our next council meeting to adjust the bids, and council would accept the highest bid at that time. Mayor Hoepfner will talk to Pat Proctor about how this should be handled.

There are concerns and confusion about the metering system of Platter parkway, weather or not it will generate enough revenue. Originally it had been decided by the council for a flat rate charge, but then changed, and now a metering system is to be put in by the county. Mayor Richard Hoepfner stated that the council and himself need a clear understanding of how the prices would be, so our attorney can draw up the paperwork, therefore a board of works meeting needs to be called involving Jim Lauer and Ben Adams so they may have an opportunity to discuss these issues. In order to obtain grant money for this project and others the grant writer needs to be involved in all aspects of any project. Schrader Realty Contract for Industrial Park has ended, Councilman made motions, all were in favor, motion passed to renew the contract for another year.

A meeting with the DPS in room 126 is set for July 10, 2008, Thursday 1:00 P.M. City County Building, concerning the re-zoning of Midwest Tile and Concrete. All were in fa-

vor for no objection to the re-zoning of Midwest Tile and Concrete. Council stated that clerk-treasurer should send a letter stating the council had no objections to the re-zoning.

Grabill town council had a meeting with IACT Field Services Manager Tom Bredweg concerning House enrolled act 1001. Mayor Richard Hoepfner asked for clerk-treasurer Lesa Meadows to contact Tom Bredweg to come to our next council meeting and talk to the council and himself about the 1001 Act.

Mayor Hoepfner asked for an average sewer adjustment for a resident that had a water leak, Councilman made motions, all approved.

One add-on to the June minutes to extend the hydrant flushing until July 19, 2008, all other minutes stood approved. Council approved all warrants check numbers 6249-6279 in the amount of \$42,736.24. Councilmen made motions, all approved.

Water superintendent Ryan Walls reported that 20 more fire hydrants still need to be flushed. The maintenance department is in the process of painting the street curbs.

Mayor reported scooters were going up and down the streets and sidewalks; police chief Carpenter responded it is against the law to ride the scooters on the sidewalks or the streets.

Councilman Clarence Reichhart reported that the railroad people cleaned up the junk, but the east side of Center St. needs to be cleaned up. Mayor Hoepfner will call Mr. Bell at the railroad office and see if they will take care of this. Another issue was discussed about fixing the railroad tracks on Woodburn Road. Woodburn Road would have to be closed in order to fix the tracks, when they will be repaired is unknown at this time.

On June 18th, 2008 Councilman Reichhart attended a meeting about bridge repairs, and using the wheel tax to help pay for these repairs. He will attend another meeting July 23, 2008 with Tom Smith to further discuss the bridge repair issue. Councilman Reichhart asked to attend a meeting in Middlebury July 24, 2008, the topic of discussion will be funding on State Projects. He also asked to be paid for his mileage, Councilmen made motions, all approved.

Councilman Reichhart reported that the shed is done at Tile Mill Road.

Councilman Bob Zimmerman had received a call from a resident telling him that the sidewalk on Carl and Rupp was in bad shape. Councilman Zimmerman reported that it is about 70 ft. not counting the driveway, and the adjoining sidewalk to the North on Core St. needs replacement. It is 73 feet long, for a total length of 143 foot. There was discussion to fix all the side walks in the city

and Mayor Hoepfner asked the councilman to check the sidewalks in their districts and report back at the next council meeting. Councilman made motions, all agreed to proceed to fix the sidewalk on Rupp and Carl street and check on other sidewalk repairs, and take bids for the repairs.

Councilman Zimmerman reported that he would like to put in motion for Stenger Street and Westmont Street to be widened. He would like to check on the cost involved and maybe get the grant writer involved to see if we could get this project started. If the project would be too costly to do all at once he asked city council members to do it in phases. Mayor Hoepfner stated he would talk to Jim Lauer to see if he has previously done plans on this project.

Councilman Zimmerman requested to somehow put house numbers on all the resident houses in Woodburn. He suggested that maybe the chamber of commerce take this as a project.

Councilman Ron Clegg reported Main St., Stenger St. and Park Street have some residents with high grass.

Councilman Clegg reported he thought the city was going to put flower pots by the speed bumps by the baseball diamond and that this needs to be done for next year. Councilman Reichhart will check on prices for this project and report back at the next council meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m. Minutes by Cindy Barhydt.



**LOCKS OF LOVE FOUNDATION RECEIVES ANOTHER GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE AREA**

Maggie Reinhart, daughter of Crissy Sigg and the late Bill Reinhart is shown here with the hair she is donating to "Locks of Love" foundation.

Locks of Love is a public, non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 18 who are suffering from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis. They meet a unique need for children by using donated hair to create the highest quality hair prosthetics.

Most of the children helped by Locks of Love have lost their hair due to a medical condition called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. The prostheses they provide help to restore their self-esteem and their confidence, enabling them to face the world and their peers.

This is the third time Maggie has donated her hair for a total of 30 inches.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Village of Antwerp

Re-Zoning of Maumee Landing Subdivision  
Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

Village Council Chamber, 118 N. Main, Antwerp, OH

The Village of Antwerp will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers to consider a request to re-zone 34 lots from A-1 Agricultural District to R-1 Single Family Residential District and 4 lots from A-1 Agricultural District to R-2 Multi-family District. The re-zoning will effect The Maumee Landing Subdivision located off of N. Main Street in the Village of Antwerp.

Detailed information may be viewed at Antwerp Village Hall, 118 N. Main Street, Antwerp, Ohio

**FARMLAND FOR RENT**

The Board of Education of Paulding Exempted Village Schools will be receiving bids for the real estate on a cash rent per acre basis for the James Gorman Family Scholarship Fund Trust, consisting of 51.3 acres for the lease period beginning at the completion of fall harvest. Sealed bids must be marked James Gorman Family Scholarship Fund Trust and received by the Treasurer, Paulding Exempted Village Schools, 405 N. Water Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879, by 2:00 p.m. on August 11, 2008, at which time they will be opened and read.

The lease shall be for a term of three years. The lease agreement and bid form may be obtained at the office of the Board of Education between the hours of 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Please contact the treasurer, Rob Giesige, at 419-399-4656 with any questions.



Summer campers at Ann's Bright Beginnings Preschool were recently visited by Chelsea Gideon from The Turning Point. She had her puppets with her to tell us the story of how to make friends. In front from the left are: Zachary Gorrell holding Daphne Duck, Ryan Rupp with his coloring book from Chelsea, Carson Rupp holding Twig-

gles the Turtle, and Rylee Troth holding Henrietta Hedgehog. In the middle are: Devon Elston, Sam Adams holding Duke the Dog, Oliver Zamarripa and Emily Zamarripa. In back are: Wyatt Beckman, Nash Saylor, Molly Adams, Emma Shuherk, Ella Cook, Chelsea, Lucy Shuherk and Ethan Herman.

**JAMES DOUGHTY UPDATE  
- WE'RE COMING HOME**

I am pleased to let you all know that we will be going home to Ohio this Saturday!! Jim was discharged from the bone marrow clinic a couple of weeks ago, and if it weren't for my job, we would have left then! I have been working in the office and had to cover while my boss was out on vacation. All is going very well for us health-wise... Jim is in remission and has a mild case of Graft vs Host Disease (GVHD) but is not really having major symptoms from that, so the doctors decided he can be monitored back home in Fort Wayne and we will probably make an occasional trip to the Cleveland clinic to check on the GVHD. I have to tell you that words cannot even express how great we feel and how excited we are to finally be able to go home and be in our own home, surrounded by our family and dogs!!

It is almost bittersweet because due to my company changing its work from home policy for me, my employment will technically end on 8/1; I am being forced to resign. So I will be on the hunt for a new job with health benefits when we get home! Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers... please pray for our safe return, for no problems with our truck, and for a great job opportunity to come my way! This will also mean that we will need to pay for Cobra to keep continu-

ous coverage for Jim so there won't be any pre-existing conditions with a new insurance company. Please pray that all of these needs are met and we thank you all for the continuous love and support you all have shown us and continue to show during this long journey of ours!

God's Blessings to you all and we will be seeing some of you very soon!!

—Sera & Jim

**VANTAGE ANNOUNCES ORIENTATION MEETINGS AND SCHEDULE PICKUP DATES**

At Vantage Career Center, students can explore, experience, and excel in high school while preparing for immediate employment and further education!

To prepare for the upcoming school year, Vantage will hold two orientation meetings to welcome new students and their parents to the school. The first orientation meeting will be held on Monday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. This is designed for students who are enrolled in Ag Diesel Mechanics, Auto Body, Auto Technology, Building & Grounds Maintenance, Carpentry, Electricity, Industrial Mechanics, Precision Machining, and Welding.

The second orientation meeting is set for Tuesday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m. and is for students in the following programs: Network Systems, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Interactive Media, Early Childhood Education, Food

Careers, Health Careers, and Medical Office Management.

Both meetings will be held in the Commons Area at Vantage. The evening will include a brief general session as well as an opportunity for students and their parents to see the Vantage facilities and meet the career-technical and academic instructors. Class schedules and student handbooks will be available for pick-up and students will be able to pay their program fees. ALL STUDENTS NEW TO VANTAGE AND THEIR PARENTS SHOULD ATTEND THIS MEETING.

Students who attended Vantage last year can pick up their class schedule, student handbook, and pay program fees Monday through Thursday, August 11 - 14 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Students who are unable to pick up their schedules on the dates above are asked to call Vantage Student Services at 1-800-686-3944 ext.126 to make other arrangements.

The first day of school for NEW Vantage students is Tuesday, August 19. The first day of school for RETURNING Vantage students is Wednesday, August 20. The school day runs from 8:23 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.

If you should have any additional questions, please call Vantage Student Services at the number above for more information.

**DAR INVITATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP**

The Gen. Horatio N. Curtis D.A.R. would like to invite any ladies aged 18 and over who might be eligible to join the Society to the workshop scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Paulding Carnegie Library. Please bring any papers you may have to prove your direct lineage, blood line descent from an ancestor who aided in achieving American independence. She must provide documentation for each statement of birth, marriage, and death.

Admission to membership in the National Society DAR is either by invitation through a Chapter in your State Organization or (DAR Unite Overseas). No Chapter may discriminate against an applicant on the basis of race or creed.

Acceptable Service: The NSDAR reserves the right to determine the acceptability of all service and proof thereof. The National Society accepts service, with some exceptions, for the period between 19 April 1775 (Battle of Lexington) and 26 November 1783 (withdrawal of British Troops from New York) as follows: Signers of the Declaration of Independence; Military Service; Civil Service; or Patriot.

This Chapter will have a brief program on the founding of the DAR, the work of the organization and the Chapter. Genealogy forms will be provided (charts) and

a primary DAR application. However, your initial proofs (birth, death, marriage records) will need to be included in your initial workshop meeting. If we can help you with those certified proofs, please let us know.

The objectives of the Daughters of the American Revolution are: Historic preservation, patriotism, and education. Their motto: God, Home, and Country. The membership is 165,000 in 3,000 chapters worldwide. The DAR Patriot index includes the names of Revolutionary patriots, both men and women whose service has been established by the NSDAR. If pension papers are known to exist at the National Archives, that fact will be included.

Previously verified DAR membership and supplemental applications can be used as genealogical research tools as well as documentation for new applications if the information is correct. Search Service information is available. By becoming a member, your membership information is entered into the NSDAR computer system for your convenience in future requests. Only members can be allowed this privilege.

This chapter was organized in 1975 by Caroline Longardner (Zimmerman) and was the first "Bicentennial Chapter" organized in Ohio. The Charter hangs in the Paulding Carnegie Library.

Hope to see you on Saturday, August 9, at 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.

—Caroline Zimmerman, Chairman, Membership committee  
419-258-2222

**PAULDING COUNTY AREA FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT**



The Paulding County Area Foundation has granted \$500.00 to the Antwerp Childcare Center, Inc.

Pictured (l to r) is Chris Feichter, President of Board of Directors for the Antwerp Childcare Center and Myrna Cook, Treasurer of the Area Foundation. Antwerp Childcare Center will use the money for start up funds for

providing quality childcare for children ages six weeks to twelve years.

Paulding County Area Foundation (PCAF) is a non-profit organization created for the betterment of Paulding County. If you have an interest in assisting in the support of such efforts, please call 419-399-8282.



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**DAY IN THE PARK '08**

August 9, 2008, 10:00 to 5:00

Antwerp, Ohio

Veterans Memorial Park

Food - Games  
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Car Cruise-in  
50/50 Drawing



**Day In The Park  
August 9, 2008 ~ Antwerp, Ohio**

~ Schedule of Events ~

- 10:00am Welcome to Veterans Memorial Park  
National Anthem, Audry Bissel  
Games, Activities and Vendors open  
Classic Car Cruise-in open
- 10:15 Recognition of the Gem of the Year
- 10:45 Dance Dolls, Julie Hall, director
- 11:00 Food concessions open in the park
- 11:30 Hula Hoop contest
- 11:45 AHS Cheerleaders, Abby Niebel, coach
- 12:00 noon Hoop Rolling contest
- 12:15 Dixielanders Band of Auburn
- 12:45 Sack Race contest
- 1:00 Antwerp Community Band, Steve Hahn director
- 1:45 Watermelon Seed Spitting contest
- 2:00 Glory Gospel Group performing
- 2:45 Stuffing Marshmallows contest
- 3:00 Legacy vocal/instrumental group performing  
Mark's Ark in the Park until 5:00pm
- 3:45 Jell-O Eating contest
- 4:00 Chamber 50/50 Raffle winner announced  
Kenzie Clemens performing
- 4:30 Lynn & Ruth Savage, performing
- 5:00 Park activities schedule comes to a close.

Thank you for your attendance and support.  
Day In The Park is held the second Saturday of August each year. See you next year!

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